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Representative In Reply To Board On Matter Of G. A. Bill

Gives Terms For Withdrawing Measure As Requested Mar. 7

Carroll R. Holmes, Perquimans County Representative, has tendered a letter to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners in reply to two resolutions adopted by the Board in regular meeting on March 7, and which were forwarded to Mr. Holmes relative to action in the General Assembly.

The letter is herewith published in its entirety and at the request of Mr. Holmes:

"Dear Mr. Powell":

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 8, together with the resolution adopted by the County Commissioners' meeting March 7. As to the request that I withdraw HB 303 proposed to repeal Chapter 1026, Public Laws of 1949 relative to the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Perquimans County, I remind you that it was the passage of Chapter 1026, Public Laws of 1949, and the situation it created that resulted in my candidacy for the Legislature in 1950. I favored repeal of that law in the campaign and my opponent favored its retention. The result of that election is well known. Bills proposing the repeal of the Chapter were introduced by me in the sessions of 1951 and 1953 and passed the House in each session. No word of opposition was received by me from the Board of Commissioners at that time. The Grand Jury at the November 1952 term of Superior Court in its report to the Judge recommended that Chapter 1026 of Public Laws of 1949 be repealed. A copy of that report was certified to me. For my action in attempting to repeal this law in fulfillment of my campaign pledge of 1950, and in conformity with the recommendation of the Grand Jury composed of 18 good men and true of our county, I have no apology.

"The only terms upon which I would consider withdrawing HB 303 at this session would be to introduce a new bill providing for a referendum in Perquimans at the 1956 primary election, submitting

to the voters of the county the proposition whether the said law should be repealed or retained. In this thoroughly democratic manner the people most concerned would have an opportunity to thoroughly discuss the matter and make their own decision. I am perfectly happy to abide by the wisdom of the decision of the people in a referendum, and I am sure the representative in the 1957 General Assembly would be happy to be bound thereby. This will be a public hearing on the matter of highest order.

"As to the second resolution relating to the Office of Clerk of Superior Court I have not received the endorsement of the proposed measure from the incumbent clerk. I respectfully but firmly decline to introduce any bill affecting any office for the term now being served without approval of the person now holding that office. I shall be happy to introduce any bill affecting the Clerk's office which the Commissioners and the incumbent clerk agree upon. I will consider any proposal for legislation affecting any office recommended by the Commissioners to become effective at the beginning of the next regular term of said office without written endorsement of incumbent office holder."

Mr. Holmes suggested to the Board it hold a special meeting regarding the matter rather than wait until the first Monday in April.

The attention of Mr. Holmes was called to the fact that the second resolution presented to him by the Board in no way referred to the office of Superior Court Clerk, but did refer to the office of Clerk of Recorder's Court. He stated he had misunderstood the intent of the second resolution in light of a meeting he had had with the Board of Commissioners.

Then in light of this situation Mr. Holmes said: "I don't conceive a Deputy Clerk is needed for the Recorder's Court since a deputy has no authority under the present law to issue warrants of arrest, and the resolution directed to me contained no request for enlargement of a Deputy's authority."

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Two bills, expected to cause considerable debate, were introduced in the Legislature late last week. The first calling for a referendum for the establishment of dog tracks and pari-mutuel betting on a statewide basis and the second being an "all-or-nothing" referendum on the sale of liquor. This latter measure would provide for a referendum which if adopted would permit the sale of liquor in every county in the state, and if defeated to away with the local option law, making the entire state dry.

The House Tuesday voted down a proposed measure which called for the State Highway Patrol to operate its electrical speed-timing device in the open, and provide expert testimony in court when defendants were charged with violation of the speed law and arrested through operation of the whammy. The vote 74 to 35 was an overwhelming victory for the proponents of the timing device.

The U. S. Supreme Court Tuesday, set the week of April 11 as the date it will hear arguments on when and how to order an end to segregation in public schools. Arguments were to have been heard last December but the death of a Justice prompted the Court to delay the hearing until a full bench of nine judges was available.

The publication this week of the now famous Yalta papers, giving details of the wartime conference between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Joseph Stalin revealed little that had not already been disclosed. Major concessions granted among the Allies at this conference were revealed months ago, and about the only new subjects found in the publication are the personal quotations of the officials.

Rites Held Friday For Mrs. W. L. White

Funeral services for Mrs. Novella Winslow White, 57, wife of Wayland L. White, Sr., who died Wednesday afternoon, March 16, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Williford of Rich Square, were conducted last Friday afternoon at Piney Woods Friends Church by the Rev. Virgil Pike, pastor.

Mrs. White was the daughter of the late Dempsey E. and Lelia J. Joliff. She was a member of Piney Woods Friends Church.

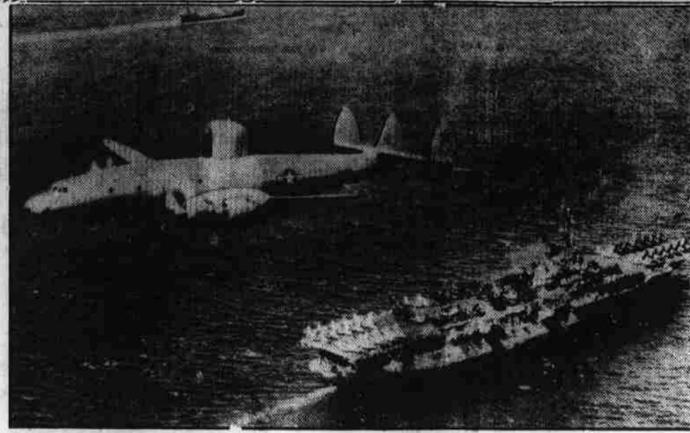
Survivors include her husband, Wayland White; two sons, Clifton T. White of South Norfolk, Va., and Wayland L. White, Jr., of Belvidere; four daughters, Mrs. Williford of Rich Square, Mrs. Evelyn Rountree of Sunbury, Mrs. Marjorie Blanchard of Hertford and Mrs. Jewel Wood of Norfolk; three brothers, Percy and Earl Winslow of Belvidere and Worth Winslow of Norfolk; four sisters, Mrs. Arba Winslow and Mrs. Lucius Winslow of Belvidere, Mrs. Joseph Winslow of Hertford and Mrs. R. M. McCain of Waxhaw and 13 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charles Layden, E. C. Briggs, Archie Layden, William Winslow, Fentress Winslow and Wink Winslow.

Interment was in the Up River Friends Cemetery.

Club Play Termed Very Successful

A home-talent play, presented here last Thursday night under the sponsorship of the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club, has been termed a success by the sponsoring club. Directed by Mrs. B. G. Koonce the play was centered around a radio theme and the cast was local youths and adults. The club expressed its appreciation to those taking part in the play and others participating to make it the success it was.



PEACEFUL PATROL PACKS PUNCH—Freighter seen at upper left plods along peacefully under the watchful eyes of Uncle Sam's air defense network, somewhere off the U. S. coastline. Humpbacked plane is a radar-equipped Constellation, and humps on back and belly of fuselage contain radar scanning equipment; under attack conditions plane would radio approach of enemy aircraft to combat-ready carrier, which might be many miles away.

Quota In Sight

Perquimans County is expected to reach its 1955 Red Cross Fund quota by early next week, it was reported Wednesday by Mrs. Jack Burbage, campaign chairman, who stated solicitors' reports made thus far reveal about \$900 has been contributed toward the goal of \$1,075.

Mrs. Burbage reminded solicitors and the public the drive is expected to close on March 31 and all solicitors are urged to make complete and final reports to team captains prior to this date.

Individuals who have been missed by solicitors and who desire to help the local chapter meet its quota are asked to send contributions direct to Mrs. Burbage, A. W. Hefren, drive treasurer, or C. P. Morris, chapter chairman.

Special Baptist Youth Rally At Berea Church Fri.

Young people of the Baptist churches of the Chowan Association have planned a youth rally for Friday night, March 25, at 7:30 o'clock in the Berea Baptist Church, just north of Elizabeth City. A very interesting program of music, talks and panels has been arranged and it will be carried out in every detail by the young people of the Chowan Baptist Association. The inspirational address is to be delivered by the Rev. Junius Foster, Jr., of the Norview Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., and because of his popularity with young people the Chowan youth will look forward to hearing him.

This is the first youth rally of this particular nature to be held in the Chowan Association in recent years and much interest and preparation is being made for it as it is designed to bring the youth together in Christian fellowship and to lay special emphasis and preparation for the simultaneous revivals to be held in the Baptist Churches of the Chowan Association during the period of March 27 to April 10. The rally will be carried out in every detail by the young people of the association and it has been planned especially for the youth within the age bracket of 15 through 25 years.

All pastors and church leaders are urged to interest their youth in this special rally and to provide a way for them to attend.

Registration Books To Open April 9th

Registration books, for the 1955 Town of Hertford election, will be opened April 9, it was announced here this week. Mrs. B. G. Koonce, registrar, will sit at the Court House April 9 and 16 for the purpose of registering residents of the town who wish to participate in the election.

Persons already listed in the registration books need not register again in order to be eligible to vote, but individuals who have moved into the town, or become of voting age since the last election must register to be eligible to vote in the election April 25.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Henry announce the birth of a son born Thursday, March 17, at the Albemarle Hospital.

Indians - Tarboro To Open Baseball Season Here Today

Film On Holy Land Shown At Meeting Of Central PTA

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School held its March meeting Monday night, March 21 in the school cafeteria with the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, presiding. "America" was used as the opening number.

The president welcomed the large number present. The subject for the month was "One Ship Drives East, Another Drives West." The president recognized Mrs. Percy Trueblood, of the Bagley Swamp community, who had charge of the program. Mrs. Trueblood read the 17th chapter of Acts and Mrs. Joseph Winslow led in prayer. Mrs. Trueblood presented the Rev. D. B. Cruise, pastor of the Peoples Methodist Church, who showed slides made on his recent trip to the Holy Land. His commentary on the places visited was most interesting.

During the business session the minutes were read and approved. The treasurer, Arvin Hudson, reported \$750.99 in the treasury. Mrs. Ernest Long, the secretary, read the report of the Executive meeting which was held March 8. She also read a card from Mrs. Jack Burbage inviting all the women to see a film on cancer at the Hertford Grammar School on March 24.

Mrs. Ralph Harrell, magazine chairman, reported 44 subscriptions to the PTA magazine and urged the members who had not done so to subscribe before March 28.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs. Claude Winslow, Mrs. Pauline Webb, Mrs. Charlie Umphlet and Thomas Maston was named from the floor.

It was voted by the Association to give the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, a life membership in the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers as a token of appreciation for her loyalty and cooperation during her years of service in the Association.

Miss Leticia Lee Winslow's second grade and Mrs. Charlie Ashbell's sixth grade tied for the attendance award, each having 34% of the parents present.

Town Board Names Owens To Police Post

In a special meeting, called Thursday afternoon of last week, the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford elected M. G. Owens to fill the vacancy on the local police force, caused by the resignation of Pete Riddick, who tendered his resignation at the regular Board meeting to be effective April 1. He later advised Mayor Darden to make the effective date last Friday.

Owens, who served as Sheriff for the past eight years, has been a law enforcement officer for some 21 years.

21 Local Firemen Awarded Service Medals Thursday

Emblems denoting five, ten and twenty years of service with the Hertford Fire Department were awarded to 21 members of the local department at a special event held Thursday night at the Municipal Building.

The presentation of the awards followed a barbecue dinner served to about 100 persons, including the wives of the firemen, and a number of special guests.

During the program words of praise were given to all members of the Hertford Fire Department, which is recognized as one of the outstanding volunteer companies in North Carolina.

Presentation of the service emblems was made by J. E. Weatherby, chairman of the Elizabeth City Fire Commission and J. Herbert Small, a member of the Elizabeth City Fire Company.

Receiving the honor awards were: W. F. Ainsley, B. C. Berry, Bill Boyce, Mayor V. N. Darden, Bill Fowler, Jim Newby, Herbert N. Nixon, C. T. Skinner, Sr., Henry C. Sullivan, C. F. Sumner, W. B. Tucker and Silas M. Woodhead, 20 year pins; Fenton Britt, Clinton Eley, Edgar Fields, Pete Howell, Tommy Miller and Francis Nixon, 10 year pins; Noah Gregory, C. T. Skinner, Jr., and Jim Bob White, five year pins.

Fans Show Interest Summer Baseball

A representative number of fans turned out here for a baseball meeting Wednesday night of last week and expressed interest in promoting a summertime baseball team composed of local players, to participate in an Albemarle League should such a league be formed for the coming summer.

A. W. Hefren, president of the league last year, stated he plans to call a league meeting to determine if there is sufficient interest for a league this year. Local fans selected Jack Brinn and C. C. Banks to represent the local club at this meeting.

A number of players from last year's Indian team also attended the meeting and expressed an interest in playing again next summer. Organization of a local club, however, was postponed pending a decision to organize a league.

Peanut Directors Call Referendum

The North Carolina Peanut Growers Association's Board of Directors in their semi-annual meeting in Scotland Neck on March 16 announced that a referendum must be called during 1955 to give the North Carolina peanut growers an opportunity to vote whether or not to assess themselves 2c per 100 pounds for each of the next three years, 1956, 1957 and 1958, for the purpose of financing the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association in promoting peanut production, marketing and consumption.

The Board of Directors, according to President C. S. Alexander of Scotland Neck, felt that the assessment should be increased from 1c to 2c per 100 pounds, in order that the Association could expand its efforts in increasing the consumption of the Virginia-type peanut. The referendum will be held in conjunction with the tobacco referendum, which will be held in July, 1955. The announcement as to the details concerning the polling places, hours of voting, etc., will be made at a later date.

Mr. Alexander pointed out that the peanut growers voted in August, 1953, to assess themselves 1c per 100 pounds for the years 1953, 1954 and 1955, and that, according to the Enabling Act passed by the 1953 Legislature authorizing the referendum, a referendum must be held once every three years to determine if the assessment shall be continued.

Candidates Seek Hertford Offices

Two officials of the Hertford Town Board have announced their intentions to seek reelection to office in the election to be held on April 25, it was reported here this week. Mayor V. N. Darden has filed as a candidate for reelection as Mayor and Henry C. Sullivan has filed as a candidate for the office of Commissioner.

The final filing date in the Hertford election has been announced as April 14, and all candidates must file their names with the Clerk of the Town Board.

Commissioners To Propose New Law On Recorder Court

To Lead Revival



REV. MARK ALEXANDER will be the visiting minister at the revival services starting April 1 at the Hertford Baptist Church. The revival is being sponsored by the youth of the church.

Anniversary Talk Heard By Rotarians

John A. Holmes, Superintendent of Edenton Schools, and former District Governor for Rotary International, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club last Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

Mr. Holmes, who was introduced by W. J. Davis, program chairman, told the local Rotarians interesting and informative bits of the history of Rotary International, which is now celebrating its 50th anniversary. He said it was his belief that Rotary, as well as other civic clubs, has survived down through the years because the clubs have adopted service to the community and fellowmen as the foundation of operations.

He related how dinner or civic clubs were organized as early as the 16th century but failed because each adopted selfish motives as aims rather than goals of service to others which is the prime objective of present day civic organizations.

Local Debate Teams To Greenville April 7

Members of the debate team of Perquimans High School will attend the District contest to be held in Greenville on April 7, it was announced this week by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

The PHS negative team, composed of Patricia Biggers and Ann Burke Chappell, which defeated the Roanoke Rapids team last week at Edenton, will participate in the District Contest at Greenville. The PHS affirmative team, which lost to Edenton, is composed of Mabel Keel and Mary Frances Eure. The local teams were coached by Mrs. Joe Nowell and Mrs. Sawyer. Mrs. G. W. Barbes served as coordinator for the teams.

Board Of Education Members Approved

Legislative appointment of members of the Perquimans Board of Education was passed by the General Assembly last Monday night. Approved for the local Board were J. Edgar Morris, Mrs. Mary Brinn, Mrs. Mabel L. Cooke and Clarence C. Chappell, Sr.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and visiting Masons are invited.

Tax Review Work Is Completed By Board Last Monday

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County, during its special meeting last Monday, conducted a discussion of a communication received from Representative C. R. Holmes relative to legislation concerning the office of Clerk of Recorder's Court. Following this discussion and a conference with W. H. Pitt, Clerk of Superior Court, the Board it was reported, felt this controversial issue will be brought to a close.

The conference, it was reported, resulted in a proposal for a new bill to be drawn and enacted by the General Assembly pertaining to the Recorder's Court. It was agreed, according to the report, the clerkship of the Recorder's Court will be placed in the office of Superior Court Clerk; the bill will provide for the appointment of a deputy clerk of recorder's court, with authority to issue arrest warrants and act in the absence of the clerk.

The new bill will provide for fixed salaries for the Judge, Solicitor, Clerk and Deputy Clerk, and that the salaries will be set by the Board of Commissioners.

Resolutions concerning these proposals are expected to be drawn by the Commissioners at the Board meeting on April 4, and forwarded to the Representative for introduction in the General Assembly.

The main purpose of the meeting of the Board last Monday was to sit as a Board of Equalization and Review, handling adjustments on property valuation listed for 1955 taxes.

The Board was in session all day, although few personal complaints were made concerning valuation. Considerable time was spent by the Board placing value on new houses constructed since January, 1954, and a careful review was given to all affidavits filed by property owners with tax listers during the month of January.

Fourteen Cases Heard By Judge At Court Session

Fourteen cases were disposed of at last Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court, presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

Zachrius Barrow, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving drunk and driving without a license. He was given a 60 day road sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$125 and costs of court.

Fines of \$12 each were meted out in the cases of Robert Wiggins, Patricia Dunsmore, and Johnnie Ray Moore, each of whom submitted to charges of failing to observe a stop sign.

William Heiserman paid a fine of \$5 and costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of speeding. William Jones pleaded guilty to speeding charges and paid a fine of \$20 and costs. Paul Thivierge was taxed with the court costs after pleading guilty to charges of speeding.

Joseph Moore, charged with using insufficient registration plates entered a plea of guilty and paid the court costs.

A fine of \$25 and costs were taxed against Edward Bazeman who submitted to charges of reckless driving.

Hilton Eason was ordered to pay a fine of \$12 after he entered a plea of guilty to driving on the left side of a highway.

Fines of \$2 and costs of court were assessed against Luther Sutton, Jr., and Carl Neal, Negroes, who entered pleas of guilty to charges of being drunk. A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against Larry Norman, Negro, who submitted to charges of being drunk on a highway. Clyde Nixon, Negro, was ordered confined to jail for one week for failure to pay the court costs ordered in a previous case.