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## Construction Bids for New Schools Totalled \$366,541

The high cost of building modern school houses was illustrated here Wednesday afternoon when the Perquimans Board of Education opened bids for the construction of a new Hertford Grammar School and a new addition to the King Street School.

Low bids for the projects, tentatively accepted by the Board at Perquimans High School, approval by the State Board of Education, totaled \$366,541.84.

The Anderson Construction Company of Dunn submitted a low bid of \$186,400 for the general contract of the Hertford Grammar building while W. G. Dunn of Greenville, submitted a low bid of \$92,029 for the general construction on the King Street addition. Low bidders for the plumbing contract for both projects was the New Home Appliance Company which submitted a bid of \$17,000 for this work. A joint bid, submitted by J. T. Pearson of New Bern in the amount of \$33,365 was tentatively accepted on the heating work for both projects.

Only two bids were submitted for the electrical work and these were not opened since the law requires three bids must be received if any are to be considered. The Board will receive additional bids on this work next Monday night. It is estimated the cost of the electrical work at both buildings will be \$17,000.

These proposals, along with application for state funds, which will be used to build the King Street addition and pay for a portion of the Hertford Grammar School project, will be presented to the State Board of Education at its meeting Friday.

Local school authorities stated, following the opening of the bids Wednesday afternoon, it is anticipated at least a month will be required for the Board to secure State approval and let contracts for the work. Construction of the two projects, it is likely, will not get under way before the early part of October.

While overall bids for the school projects exceeded expectations and the amount of funds available for the building, a number of alternate construction plans adopted by the Board and the architect prior to the opening of the bids permitted deductions being made by the contractors to bring the total costs down to a figure acceptable to the Board of Education.

It was reported, following tentative acceptance of the bids, the costs of the construction as it now stands will run about \$9.30 per square foot.

Other action taken by the Board during the special meeting included granting permission to Mrs. R. Ralph White to teach piano music at Perquimans High School, during the coming term, under the supervision of the school principal.

## Indians Turn Back Williamston To Stay In Series

After being down three games to none in the final playoffs of the Albemarle League, the Perquimans Indians bounced back to win the last two contests from Williamston. The sixth game of the series was scheduled to be played here Thursday night and the seventh game to be played in Williamston. Ted Chappell pitched the Indians to victory over Williamston Tuesday night giving up eight hits and walking none. The Indians, led by John Morris and Al Winslow with three hits each, collected 6 runs off 13 hits.

Hertford came from behind in the ninth inning to score its second win of the series. Williamston tallied two runs in the second and seventh innings while Hertford got two in the first, one in the fifth and three in the ninth.

Williamston won the opening game, a 10-inning battle, by a score of 7 to 6, after a series of huzzles which affected the play of the two teams. Hertford gained the lead by scoring five runs in the third and were never behind until the tenth when Williamston tallied the winning run. Williamston used three pitches during the contest and Hertford used B. Winslow and Emminger. Williamston batters collected 13 hits while the Indians got nine.

Bad luck dogged the Indians in the second contest of the series played here Thursday night when Williamston nosed out a 4-3 decision. Ted Chappell pitched a fine game for Perquimans, allowing seven hits and walking none. Hertford collected six hits off Stevenson and Cherry, visiting hurlers but failed to score in the clutches when victory seemed assured. Williamston scored two runs in the first and two in the eighth while Hertford tallied one run in the first and two in the eighth.

Williamston made it three games in a row when they won the third contest played in Williamston Saturday night. Final score was 11 to 5. Paul Matthews, Alan Winslow and Hank Christgau did the hurting for the Indians while Perry was the winning pitcher.

Vernon White pitched the Indians to their first win of the series here Monday night when Perquimans gained a 10-9 decision. A big nine run rally in the sixth inning provided the edge needed for Hertford to win, although Williamston threatened in the ninth when they scored four runs and had three runners left on bases at the final out.

## Baptists Announce Plans For Revival

September 9-16 has been designated as the dates for the annual fall revival at the Hertford Baptist Church, according to an announcement made today by the Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the church, who stated the revival will open with the evening service on September 9 and close at the morning service the following Sunday.

Extensive plans have been made for these meetings. Mr. Mattox said, and include a vast visitation program prior to the revival, cottage prayer meetings and arranging for outstanding musical contributions, which have always been received with much enthusiasm and praise by revival audiences in the past.

Dr. V. Ward Barr of Gastonia is to be the guest preacher for this fall revival-meeting. Mr. Mattox assures that reserving September 9-16 for the revival will prove to be a profitable and timely move on the part of the people of Hertford.

## County Board To Meet Next Tuesday

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold its September meeting in the Court House on Tuesday, September 4, instead of Monday, September 3. The change in the date of the meeting was due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday which falls on next Monday.

Residents desiring to appear before the Board at its next meeting are requested to note the change in the date for the session.



HOW SHY CAN ONE GET?—To stare at a queen is one thing—to be stared at by Britain's Queen Elizabeth is something else again. However, the "shy" airman hiding his face isn't overcome by the experience. He's demonstrating the action of an ejection seat canopy which shields a pilot's face when he must bail out from jet aircraft at speeds in the near-supersonic range. Her Majesty was treated to the demonstration while touring an air base at Marham, Norfolk, England.

## Premium List For Farmer's Day Is Released By Agent

Plans for the third annual Farmer's Day, to be held in Hertford Wednesday, September 12, are moving along at a rapid pace according to R. M. Thompson, County Agent.

"The program this year will be different from the one we held last year," Mr. Thompson said, "but the merchants are asked to participate in having booths as they did before. There will be exhibits and the farm men, women, boys and girls are urged to plan an exhibit now. Premium money will be paid to the top three in each exhibit."

The program will be conducted at the Perquimans High School gym, and the public is urged to join in to make Farmer's Day a complete success.

The premium list is as follows:  
**Men's Division**  
Field Crops—Corn (1 doz. ears) Stalk Corn, sweet potatoes (1 doz.), soybeans (4 hills), cotton (4 hills), peanuts, small grain.  
**Meats and Poultry Products**—Eggs 1 (doz.) (1) brown, (2) white. Cured meats: Ham, shoulder, side.  
**Horticulture—Garden exhibit** (minimum of 5), watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, egg plants, fruits, apples (1/2 doz.), grapes (pint), pears, peaches, pumpkins, figs, onions, peppers, lima beans, field peas cucumbers, roast ear corn, squash, Irish potatoes, honey.

**Women's Section**  
**Department "A"—Clothing**  
Infants' Clothing—Dress, gown, slip; jacket, cap.  
Children's Clothing—Cotton dress, boys' cotton suit, child's wool coat, slip.  
**Women's Clothing—Cotton** housecoat, smock, school dress, best dress, wool suit, house dress, apron, handmade pocketbook, skirt.

**Department "B"**  
**Home Cooked Articles**  
Loaf Cake—Angel food, sponge, pound.  
Layer Cake—Devil's food, chocolate, caramel, coconut, spice, and other filling, best decorated cake.  
Cookies—Doughnuts, ice box cookies, macaroons, cheese straws (12), six cookies (any other kind).  
Candies (12 pieces)—Caramel, fudge, sea foam, mints, dipped chocolate, coconut, peanut.

**Department "C"—Canned Goods**  
Canned Fruits and Vegetables—Apples, apple sauce, figs, peaches, pears, carrots, tomatoes, soup mixture, beans, string beans, squash, green peas, corn, lima beans.  
Preserves—Peach, pear, fig strawberry, apple, blackberry, grape.  
Jelly—Apple, crab apple, grape.  
Pickles—Cucumber, bread and butter, peach, pear, watermelon rind, beet, dill, relish.

**Department "D"**  
**Floral Arrangements**  
Cut Flowers—Specimen rose, collection of roses, arrangement of mixed flowers, display of stinnas, arrangement of dried materials, collection of berries, collection of

## Coach Steps Up Football Drills; Prospects Good

Coach Ike Perry, preparing his 1956 Perquimans High School football team for its opening game against Churchland, Va., on September 14, stepped up the tempo of pre-school practice this week.

Practice sessions have been conducted twice daily the past two weeks and Coach Perry stated the squad is rounding into shape in good form. He expects to continue heavy drills for the next couple of weeks to prepare the Indians for the strenuous season ahead.

Some 50 candidates for the 1956 Indian team have been issued uniforms and most of these have been attending practice sessions fairly regularly. Some of the players have developed early season ailments, such as sore feet and muscles but these handicaps are expected to disappear as the youths develop into form as practice drills progress.

Perry appeared pleased with the development of the squad thus far and predicted the Perquimans opponents will have their hands full when they play the Indians this year. He said he expects all candidates for the team to report regularly for practice beginning next week.

A name omitted from the list of players lost to the team through graduation was that of Corbin Cherry who will attend Chowan College.

Veterans, around whom Coach Perry expects to build the 1956 team, showing up well in practice are Miller and White, ends; Hazel Matthews, tackle; Batts and Wheeler, guards; Phillips, center, and Backs Tilly, Tommy Matthews and Jim Ross. Batts and Ross are transfers and will see action with the Indians during the coming season.

## Union Services To Welcome Pastor

The churches of Hertford will meet in a Union Service on Sunday night, September 2, in the First Methodist Church at 7:30 o'clock to officially welcome the Methodist minister, the Rev. James A. Auman, to the town. Mr. Auman was appointed to the Methodist Church at the meeting of the Annual Conference in June and assumed his duties at the local church in July when he came to Hertford from the Camp Ground Methodist Church in Fayetteville where he had served for the past five years.

Congregations and ministers of the Baptist, Episcopal, and Methodist Churches will participate in the service. The Rev. Mr. Auman will bring the message of the evening, using as the basis for his sermon the Parable of the Sower. The Rev. James Mattox, Baptist minister, will have the evening prayer, and Rector Paul Shultz of the Episcopal Church will read the Scripture.

All Hertford residents are invited to attend Sunday's night's Union Service at the Methodist Church.

## Hertford Board To Fill Police Job

Mayor V. N. Darden announced Wednesday that the Hertford Town Board will receive applications for filling a vacancy on the town police force caused by the resignation of Police Officer Pete Riddick. Mr. Riddick resigned his job Tuesday, same to be effective Saturday, September 1.

Applications to fill the post will be received at the Municipal Building up to 5 o'clock Monday, September 10. The Board will fill the vacancy at its meeting on Monday night, September 10.

## Local Attorney Attends Seminar

W. H. Oakley, Jr., Hertford attorney, has returned home from Chicago where he attended a Naval Law Seminar at the Great Lakes Naval Station. While at the Seminar Mr. Oakley was admitted to practice before the U. S. Court of Military Appeals.

## Officials Predict Enrollment Gain In County Schools

Preparations for the opening of the 1956-57 school term in Perquimans County have been completed it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, school superintendent, who stated it is anticipated enrollment at all of the schools will be higher than during the last term.

Largest percentage gain in enrollment is expected at Perquimans High School where pre-school registration reveals 314 students, or more, will report for the classes at this building.

School principals and the superintendent have been making last minute surveys, reviewing the plans for the opening of the new term and report all is in readiness for the opening on Wednesday, September 5.

Miss Thelma Elliott, principal of Hertford Grammar School, announced that all pupils of that school will meet at Perquimans High School on next Wednesday, prior to being assigned classes at various locations for this coming year.

Mr. Biggers stated two vacancies which exist in school faculties will be filled by the end of this week, and each school will have a complete roster of teachers by the opening day.

School officials completed a survey of all school bus routes in the county, and made some slight changes in these for the coming term but the routes, generally speaking, will be about the same as traveled during the past year.

Mr. Biggers also announced all students are requested to bring money to their schools as soon as possible for the payment of book fees and activity fees. Early payment of these fees will expedite the work on the part of teachers with the issuance of books and supplies.

Part time schedules will be observed at all schools for the first two days of the term. Wednesday classes will be dismissed at 11 o'clock and on Thursday school will be dismissed at 12 o'clock noon.

Full schedules of classes will be started on Friday and lunchrooms will be opened beginning with this date.

## Stores To Observe Labor Day Holiday

A majority of Hertford stores and business houses, following the custom of past years, will be closed all day next Monday in observance of Labor Day, it was reported here this week. W. W. White, local Postmaster, announced the Post Office will be closed but mail will be received and dispatched on holiday schedule.

## Local Towns Share In Distribution Of The Powell Funds

The towns of Hertford and Winfall, in Perquimans County will share in the allocation of \$6,219,336.82 to be divided by the State Highway Commission among 400 incorporated, active, eligible municipalities for improvement on non-highway streets.

The 1956 allocation to the Town of Hertford is \$6,872.19 while the allocation for Winfall is \$1,206.86.

This is the largest amount ever distributed since the Powell Bill Act was passed in 1951, when a total of \$4,543,096.20 was divided among 386 towns. In 1952, a total of \$4,498,842.30 was shared by 388 towns. In 1953, a total of \$5,244,203.40 was divided among 394 Tar Heel towns. In 1954, \$5,391,717.41 was shared by 396 towns. Last year, a total of \$5,711,978.98 was divided among 399 towns. This year's allocation brings the total six-year disbursement of Powell Bill Funds to \$32,069,175.11.

The increasing annual total disbursements are due to the ever-growing volumes of gasoline being used in motor vehicles. The fund

## Perquimans Ranks 92nd In Nation In Peanut Production

Peanuts harvested for picking or threshing from 1,270,386 acres on United States farms in 1954 totaled 884,664,110 pounds, with 1,095,748 acres, or 86.2 per cent, in 100 leading counties producing 807,121,165 pounds, according to 1954 Census of Agriculture figures for ranking counties released today by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Comanche County, Texas, was the leading county in acreage in peanuts for picking or threshing with 34,962 acres—2.8 per cent of the U. S. total, and 27th in quantity harvested with 10,424,679 pounds. Early County, Georgia, was second in acreage with 29,973 acres, and 10th in quantity harvested with 19,091,185 pounds. Southampton County, Virginia, ranked third in acreage with 29,604 acres, but first in production with 47,692,127 pounds.

Among the top 100 counties in peanut acreage in 1954, 37 were in Georgia; 20 in Texas; 13 in North Carolina.

Perquimans County ranked 40th in the nation in pounds of peanuts harvested, while it ranked only 92nd in the nation as to the number of acres planted to peanuts.

During 1954 Perquimans County had 3,403 acres planted to peanuts and harvested a total of 6,902,045 pounds.

## Mrs. Roxie Smith Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Roxie Teague Smith, 65, wife of Nelson J. Smith, Route two, Hertford, who died at a Winston-Salem hospital last Saturday, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Liberty, N. C., by the Rev. O. L. Ruth, assisted by the Rev. C. S. Saunders.

Surviving besides the husband are her father, Eugene Teague of Snow Camp, N. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Smith Thurman and Mrs. Mozelle Peabody of Kernersville; one son, the Rev. Eugene Smith of Draper; six grandchildren; four half sisters and two half brothers.

Interment was in the Pleasant Hill Church cemetery.

## Variety Of Cases Heard By Recorder Judge Last Tuesday

### THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Tension over the Suez Canal situation has eased somewhat by the acceptance of Egyptian President Nasser to listen to proposals by 18 nations for placing the canal under international control. Nasser reserved the right to reject the proposals since he did not attend the London conference at which the proposals were composed.

The Executive Council for AFL-CIO, largest labor organization, has endorsed the election of Adlai Stevenson for President. The action will be presented to all local unions for action at a meeting in Chicago next month. A report says this action, which was not unanimous, will have some effect on labor vote at the November election.

Valuation of utilities in North Carolina during the past year increased by nearly 46 million dollars, it was reported by J. C. Bonthune, secretary of the State Board of Assessments. The big gainers included Carolina Light & Power, Virginia Power & Electric and Duke Power Company along with Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Democratic Candidate Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver this week started on a wide tour of the nation to investigate plans for the coming presidential election. Meetings were planned with leaders at numerous places in the west, south and east to develop support for the candidate. Reports from some southern states indicate, while some dissatisfaction exists over the candidates and the platform, there will be no bolt from the Democratic Party.

President Eisenhower, after a few days vacation in California, returned to Washington Wednesday and is expected to wrap up plans for the GOP campaign. Some reports state the President may make a previous visit to the nation this year than in the past. The President's campaign will be the most important in the history of the United States.

Eleven cases were disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court, which was of short duration due to the fact that most of the defendants entered pleas of guilty and paid fines and court costs prior to the opening of the session.

A scheduled preliminary hearing for Ellis L. Braddam, charged with having carnal knowledge of a teenage girl, was waived by the defendant and the case was moved up to the docket of the superior court. Braddam was released on a bond of \$500 to await trial at the November term of court.

Court costs were taxed against Alfred Chiacchieri and J. F. Dooley after each had submitted to charges of speeding. Howard Twigg paid a fine of \$10 and costs on a speeding charge.

Joinnie James, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of following too closely behind a motor vehicle.

Wesley Hurdle pleaded guilty to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway. He was given a 30 day jail sentence, suspended upon payment of the court costs.

Costs on a charge of allowing an unlicensed operator to drive his William Luttrell paid the court cost. He submitted to the charge. A fine of \$25 and court costs were imposed upon Clarence Brinn who pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without a license.

Joe Leary submitted to a charge of issuing a worthless check. He was ordered to pay the costs of court and make good the amount of the check.

George Dickerson was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of failing to observe a stop sign. As the date of the court session Judge Chas. E. Johnson announced the court will be in recess next Tuesday, September 4, in order that the court room will be available for the meeting of the County Commissioners.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church announces that Sunday morning, September 2, the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11 o'clock. Church begins at 9:45 o'clock. The congregation is urged to attend the Holy Washing Service at the Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m.