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Town Board Plans For Expansion Of Utility Services

Expansion plans for the Town of Hertford, anticipated in connection with community growth through the activation of the Navy's seaplane base here, were discussed at some length at a meeting of the Town Board on Monday night.

Establishment of a permanent water well field, enlargement of the electric system and traffic problems were among the items on the agenda discussed during the meeting.

Mayor V. N. Darden and Superintendent F. T. Britt were authorized to investigate the feasibility and costs of installing a new Y electric system to replace the Delta system now in use. This new system will increase voltage for the town from 2,300 to 4,160 and require less costly equipment in future expansion of the electric system serving the town's customers.

The Mayor advised the board negotiations for an option on one acre of ground, to be used as a site for a well field, is progressing and plans for developing a new well field is proceeding according to schedule.

During the discussion concerning the electric system Mr. Britt pointed out the kilowatt hours of electricity used by local customers during the past 17 years had increased from 62,500 to 400,000 as of January, 1958.

The Board was advised by the Mayor that State Highway officials have proposed the town divide north and south bound traffic on Route 17 in order to maintain this route through the town. It is proposed that all through south bound traffic be directed to the Grub and Edenton Road Road Streets while north bound traffic will use Doby and Church Streets. This matter was taken under advisement by the board and will be considered at a later date.

Taken under advisement for the time being was the matter of adoption of an ordinance which will empower the Board with authority to force property owners to repair or remove dilapidated building areas with the town.

At the close of the meeting the Board voted to change a zone area, as recommended by the Appeal Board, pertaining to property owned by Norfolk-Southern Railroad which through error had been zoned residential instead of commercial.

Walter Cohoon Announces His Candidacy For District Solicitor

Walter Cohoon this week announced that he will be a candidate for re-election for the office of District Solicitor in the Democratic Primary election on May 31.

"In making this announcement," said Mr. Cohoon, "I wish to express my gratitude to the good people of the First Solicitorial District for having honored me with the privilege of serving them as their Solicitor, and to thank them for their past generous support of my candidacy. I earnestly solicit their vote and support again, and hope and trust that the duties of this office have been discharged by me in such a manner as to have met with their approval and as to merit their continued support."

Board Of Education To Meet Friday P. M.

The Perquimans Board of Education will hold a special meeting in the office of the superintendent of schools on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of designating a chairman, and handling any other business which might be brought to the attention of the board.

Central PTA To Meet Next Monday

The PTA of Central Grammar School will hold its March meeting next Monday night in the auditorium of the school beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Paul Wise, Special Education Teacher in the Elizabeth City Schools, will be the speaker. The public is invited.

House Numbers

Houses situated within the Town of Hertford will have new street numbers effective July 1.

Under the provisions of an ordinance adopted at a meeting of the Town Board Monday night, the area within the town limits has been divided into four quadrants with Church and Market streets being the divisional lines. Each lot and building situated has been designated with new numbers and the ordinance, which becomes effective July 1, requires house numbers to be displayed by that date.

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

A varied docket of 13 cases was disposed of during last Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson. Two defendants, Judson Miller and Greenwood Welch, Negroes, failed to appear to answer charges of traffic violations and each was ordered apprehended for a hearing next Tuesday.

Four defendants, Carl Woodward, Ris Hand, Charles Porter and Donald Hunter, entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court.

Greenwood Welch, Negro, submitted to charges of failing to comply with restrictions on his operator's license and paid the costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against John Lightfoot, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of failing to observe a stop sign.

Fines of two dollars each and costs of court were levied against six defendants, Jackson Costen, Joshua Zachary, George Elliott, Frank Hassell, Jr., all Negroes and Ilisha Lamb and Sidney Curtis, each of whom submitted to charges of being drunk.

George Whitehurst, Negro, charged with assaulting a female, was released after the court returned a verdict of not guilty in the case.

Police To Enforce Parking Ordinance

A crack-down on motorists who violate the town's parking ordinance will become effective here April 1, it was announced following a Town Board meeting Monday night when the Board authorized town officials to collect a penalty of \$1 from motorists who ignore the courtesy parking tickets issued by the police.

Mayor V. N. Darden pointed out that the town, since adoption of a parking meter ordinance, has endeavored to work with motorists who park overtime, and it has been the custom for the police to issue a ticket requesting payment for the overtime parking.

Recently a large number of motorists have been detected driving away from meters without making the requested deposit.

Under orders issued by the Town Board, beginning April 1, motorists caught disregarding the courtesy tickets will be required to appear before the Mayor and pay a parking penalty of one dollar.

BAKE SALE
The members of the St. Catharine Guild of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a bake sale Saturday morning, March 15, beginning at 10 o'clock at Perry's Electrical Store on Church Street.



ONE FOR ALL—Celebrating their first birthday, the Wendeborn triplets are a little short on table manners but happy anyway as they feast on a cake in their Dallas, Tex., home. Left to right are Darlene, Marlene and Charlene.

Funeral Services Conducted Sunday For Shelton Long

Shelton McMullan Long, prominent farmer of the Bethel community, age 65, died Friday morning at 7:10 in Duke Hospital, Durham, after a lingering illness.

He was a native and life-long resident of Perquimans County, son of the late William N. and Florence Mansfield Long, and husband of Marine Elliott Long.

He was a member of the Perquimans County Board of Education, on which he served over 30 years, had been a Master Mason for 34 years and was a retired deacon of Bethel Baptist Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Miss Jean Long of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, and Mrs. Elijah White of Winfall; two sons, Edgar and Emmett of Hertford; one half-sister, Mrs. W. S. Evans of Hertford; one grandchild, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Philip Quiddle, former pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church.

The casket was covered with an all-white pall, consisting of mums, snapdragons, Easter lilies, and roses.

The church choir sang "Sometime We'll Understand." A solo, "Near to the Heart of God," was rendered by James W. Brisson, professor of music at Chowan College. Miss Amanda Lou Crew, church organist, accompanied.

Masonic rites were conducted at the graveside by Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M. At the conclusion, Mr. Quiddle sang "Nearer My God To Thee."

Palbearers were Dr. C. A. Davenport, B. C. Berry, John T. Biggers, Thomas Maston, Jim Bass and Dr. A. B. Bonner.

Honorary palbearers were A. D. Thach, J. T. Harris, J. D. Chappell, C. T. Phillips, E. J. **Continued on Page Eight**

Farm Bureau To Meet Monday Night

There will be a County-wide Farm Bureau meeting on Monday night, March 17, at the Agriculture Building in Hertford at 8 o'clock. The topic to be discussed is "Farmers' Viewpoint on National Farming Legislation," with Norman Larabee, a farmer who has spent several days in Washington with the Farm Bureau Organization, giving his viewpoints, and Bill Little, Farm Bureau field man, both discussing this topic.

This is the first County-wide Farm Bureau meeting that has been held in Perquimans County since the barbecue last fall, and there are a great number of things that will be mentioned and discussed. Joe Nowell, Perquimans Farm Bureau president, states that this is one meeting which every Farm Bureau member should attend.

Bank Considering Proposal To Close All Day Saturday

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

With more than five million jobless reported in the nation this week, government leaders are proposing numerous remedies to stop the falling economy, including public works projects, increased personal benefits and a possible tax cut. Legislation was introduced in Congress on Tuesday by Democratic leaders to extend unemployment benefits longer than the present 26 weeks.

Three guards at the N. C. Prison in Raleigh were fined this week for alleged aiding a planned prison escape by a group of convicts. Officials reported the trio of guards may return to prison as inmates for their part in the escape plot. It was reported a \$15,000 bribe, which was never paid, figured in the plot.

With a new envoy in Washington, Russia is still clamoring for a summit meeting between top leaders of the East and West but the U. S. is maintaining its position of demanding preliminary meetings for the purpose of establishing an agenda which will not permit the Communists to turn the conference into a propaganda event for the Reds. Commentators believe such a conference may come later this year if the agenda can be agreed upon.

The Internal Revenue Service announced Tuesday it had rescinded a previous order that itemized accounts of expense deductions must be attached to 1958 tax returns. The order raised a big fuss, especially from salesmen. Under the new ruling an employee who provides his company with an accounting of expenses need not file the same with the IRS.

HD Club Members Complete Project

Sewing machines were humming as well as voices buzzing last week when Home Demonstration members, representing their various clubs in the county, came in to make draperies for the County Teen-age Center. They voted at a recent County Council meeting to take this as a county project for the year. The committee was composed of Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. Joe Webb, Jr., and Mrs. William Winslow, County Council president.

"My many thanks go to each and everyone that helped complete this project," states Nancy Henderson, Home Agent of Perquimans County.

Rites Conducted On Thursday For J. Edgar Morris

J. Edgar Morris, 56, prominent resident of Hertford and chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education, died Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock in the Albemarle Hospital following a short illness.

He was the son of the late John A. and Susan Prickley Morris and a member of the Hertford Methodist Church.

He was former Hertford Postmaster and took an active part in the development of sports in this area, having been active in the Albemarle League for many years. For a number of years he has been manager of the Hertford Hardware and Supply Company. He was elected to the County Board of Education in 1950 and served as chairman of that board since April, 1951.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pattie Newby Morris; one son, John Edgar Morris, Jr.; one daughter, Mrs. George Clark, Jr., of Pulaski, Va.; one brother, Albert Morris; a sister, Mrs. Arthur Hoffer, both of Sunbury and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in Cedarwood Cemetery Thursday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Palbearers were W. B. Jordan, Henry Stokes, Jr., W. H. Oakey, Jr., J. Emmett Winslow, J. H. Towe and J. S. Bass.

Honorary palbearers were the members of the Perquimans County Board of Education and the employees of the Hertford Hardware and Supply Company.

Legion Auxiliary Nears Membership Goal For This Year

The Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion is completing its membership drive for 1958 and needs one member to achieve its goal of 57 members, it was reported at a meeting of the unit held here at the home of Mrs. J. H. Towe, with Mrs. Cliff Pritchard and Mrs. J. K. White acting as co-hostesses.

During the business session, presided over by Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt of Edenton, state membership chairman, was introduced and it was announced Mrs. Chestnutt is a candidate for president of the North Carolina Department. The local unit pledged its support to her candidacy.

Mrs. Roudale Webb, treasurer, reported the unit has a cash balance of \$181.45.

The Ed Bond Post of Edenton and its Auxiliary extended an invitation to the Hertford unit to attend a birthday dinner to be given in Edenton at the **Continued on Page Eight**

VFW-Jaycee Cage Game Next Tuesday

Ticket sales are brisk and much interest is being shown in the benefit basketball game to be played here next Tuesday night, March 18, between the VFW and the Hertford Jaycees. Tickets will be sold at the door, it was announced by J. W. Dillon, committee chairman. A portable TV set will be given away as a door prize.

"The VFW is billing Harry 'Brennan' Hollowell as its star and his teammates will be Claude Brinn, Broughton Dail, Hank Christgau, Don Waters, W. F. Ainsley, Ben Thach, Charlie Skinner and a few missiles.

Performers for the younger Jaycee outfit include John Beers, D. A. Carver, A. L. Lane, Billy White, Buddy Tilley, Clyde Lane, Panky Nixon and a few secret weapons.

Proceeds from the game will be used to give the Hertford Volunteer Firemen a good supper for services rendered to the town and county.

Navy Seeking Bids Second Contract At Hertford N. A. F.

Lost And Found

Lady Luck was beaming last Friday for Mrs. R. M. Fowler who lost a valuable diamond from her ring. On discovering the loss Mrs. Fowler re-traced her morning schedule and ended up at Bill and Viv's where she had left her car for washing. A search of the inside of the car resulted in the recovery of the stone, which luckily had not been swept from the car and washed into the debris pit at the local service station.

After being rewarded for the recovery the service employee said, "That's the first time I was ever tipped for not cleaning a car good."

Library Board Planning Open House March 16

The Perquimans County Library Board will hold open house in the new library building on Sunday afternoon, March 16, from 3:30 until 5:30. The Board cordially invites the public to attend and see the new library quarters and see what the library has to offer the people of the county and the town.

The report to the Board showed that the library has more than 12,000 books; thirty-three new books were added during **Continued on Page Eight**

Reports Point To Successful Drive For Red Cross Fund

Preliminary reports on the progress of the annual Red Cross drive in Perquimans County indicate the campaign will be brought to a successful close this week-end, it was announced by Mrs. Keith Haskett, fund chairman.

Much enthusiasm is being developed by the newly organized local chapter for the Red Cross and this spirit is being felt in the fund campaign, according to the chairman.

Perquimans County has been given a quota of \$1,458 for the 1958 fund campaign and early reports made to Mrs. Haskett on Monday revealed some \$300 was contributed on the first day of the drive.

The county quota has been divided into five divisions with each township of the county requested to provide its share of the over-all quota. A fund chairman has been appointed for each township and has secured volunteer solicitors to make a house-to-house canvass throughout the county.

Inasmuch as the Perquimans unit desires to conclude this 1958 fund drive in one week, all solicitors are requested to complete the canvass of their neighborhood and make reports to their chairmen by Saturday night.

Directing the 1958 fund campaign under the supervision of Mrs. Haskett, county-wide chairman, are Mrs. Julian Long, Bethel; Mrs. Russell Baker and Mrs. Harold White, Belvidere; Mrs. Irvin Turner, New Hope; Mrs. Ernest Long, Parkville.

W. C. Stroud and Mrs. M. B. Taylor, chairmen of the Negro division; George Felton and Willie Winslow, Hertford; Theodore Felton and Mrs. Mary Jones, Bethel; Mrs. Susie E. Taylor and Miss Mary Sumner, New Hope; Ernest Wilson and Mrs. Virginia Mallory, Leigh Temple; Mrs. Elnora Billups, Mrs. Mattie Brothers, Bay Branch; Mrs. Corena Riddick, Odell Hurdle, Nicanor; Mitchell

The Navy Department has issued invitations for bids, to be submitted to the Fifth Naval District, Norfolk, Virginia, on or before 2:00 P. M., April 8, for a contract for a dredging project to be carried out at the Naval Air Facility, Hertford, it was announced this week by Ralph Hall, Civilian Public Works Officer at the base.

Mr. Hall advised this reporter that estimated costs of this contract is \$1,700,000 and will consist of demolishing the old boat house, pump house, and the dredging of 2,343,100 cubic yards of material in construction of dikes, drainage canal and clearing and dredging of a boat channel.

He also announced the official name for the seaplane base has been changed to Naval Air Facility, Hertford, North Carolina. The name Harvey Point has been dropped by the Navy Department.

He announced the Public Works Office at the NAF had received plans and maps for some 21 other projects scheduled for contracting and bids on these projects will be called for within the next 60 days.

This action is in line with an announcement made last Saturday by Rear Adm. F. Massie Hughes, Fifth District Commandant, who stated the Pentagon has "unfrozen" a backlog of approximately \$20 million for military construction in the Norfolk area and at NAF, Hertford.

It is now anticipated that the contract for the dredging project at Hertford will be let shortly after the opening of the bids received by the Navy Department on April 8.

Union School Honor Roll Is Announced

The following is the high school honor roll for the fourth reporting period for Perquimans County Union School as released by the principal, R. L. Kingsbury:

Ninth Grade—David O. Skinner, Lula Billups, Bertha Bowe, Ethel Copeland, Barbara Felton, Catherine James, Yvonne Manley, Claudia Riddick, Nellie Zachary, Edna Blanchard, Alvin Newby, Gloria Burke, Helen Jones, Mary Felton, James W. Butler, Eva C. Hurdle, Wynna O. Johnnikins, Mary E. Moore, Virginia M. Nixon, Barbara J. Riddick, Clarence J. Rogers and Dorothy L. Turner.

Tenth Grade—Mary Burnette, Hattie Felton, Mary Lamb, Sandra Newby, Donald Riddick, Thelma Parson, James Martin, George Johnson and William Lightfoot.

Eleventh Grade—Sarah Harrell, Barbara Chesson, Elsie Gallop, Elmer Copeland, Melvin Walker, Julia Hill, Willie Moore, Lewellyn Wills, Doris Brothers, Shirley Blanchard, Libbie Billups, Charlie Small, Evora Spellman, William McCoy Smith, Florazel Hurdle, Brenda Lower and Mammie Lou Wilkins.

Twelfth Grade—Andrew White, Joseph Hoffer, Joe W. Skinner, Sarah Burke, Mary White, Annie Felton, Harvey Winslow, Cecil Tomes, Doris Felton, Chester Mallory and Hattie James.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. George of Raleigh announce the birth of a son, born Wednesday, March 5, in Raleigh. Mrs. George is the former Miss Elizabeth Darden.