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Contractor Here To Start Work On New Post Office

Preparations are under way for the start of construction for the new Post Office building for Hertford. It was reported this week by W. W. White, Postmaster, who stated Allen Brown, contractor for the project, has arrived in town to begin operations just as soon as the site is cleared of present buildings.

Brown represents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brunson of Albemarle, successful bidders for the new Post Office building.

Options on land owned by Matthews and Ainsley and T. P. Byrum, located on Grubb Street opposite the Municipal Building, have been exercised for use as a site for the building.

Workmen are now dismantling buildings situated on the land and the site is expected to be ready for the contractor to start new construction within a very short time. Mr. White said it was his understanding the contractor will sublet part of the construction, giving local workmen an opportunity to take part in the project.

Construction of the new Post Office is being carried out under a new program used by the Post Office Department, whereby private interests construct the building to government specifications and then leases the building at a monthly rental for a period of years.

According to an announcement made at the time the Post Office Department accepted bids for the Hertford building, the new structure will be modern throughout, consisting of 3,200 square feet of interior space, 360 square feet of platform space and 3,354 square feet of parking area. The building will be air-conditioned throughout. The original lease will run for a period of 10 years with the government having an option to renew the lease for an additional 10 years.

Postmaster White stated Mr. Brown believes construction time for the new building will be about three months.

Firemen's Group In Meeting Here Tuesday Night

More than 200 volunteer firemen, all members of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, gathered in Hertford Tuesday night for the annual convention, with the Hertford Fire Department as host, at a dinner prior to the meeting.

The convention, held at Perquimans High School, was opened by Mayor V. N. Darden, who welcomed the firemen to Hertford.

Concord Fire Chief, Charles Miller, president of the State Firemen's Association, made a short talk prior to a program presented by the local department which featured a film entitled "The First Five Minutes." During the business session of the convention, presided over by the president, Charles L. Pope of Clinton, the association voted to create two offices from the present one of secretary-treasurer, thus dividing the work of this office.

Wynn Donat reported to the convention on the Firemen's Pension Plan and advised the firemen on the status of this program.

New officers elected for the association for the coming year were: Earl Kinsey of LaGrange, president; Horace Moore of Snow Hill, vice president; Mark Laster, Jr., secretary and Curtis Mangum, treasurer.

Special guests at the convention were Sherman Pickard of the Department of Insurance and members of the Hertford and Perquimans County Boards of Commissioners.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams announce the birth of a son, Howard, Tuesday morning at Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Williams is assisted by Miss Margaret Ann Greenwood, Welch, Negro, wife

W. D. Landing, Sr. Passes in Durham

William D. Landing, 70, retired Hertford business man, died Thursday morning at 3:15 o'clock in the Veterans Hospital, Durham, following a long illness.

He was a native of Perquimans County, son of the late James and Julia Weeks Landing and the husband of the late Annabelle Sawyer Landing. For 33 years he had been custodian of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Genevieve Sawyer, Mrs. Maxine Sawyer, Mrs. Belle Divers; two sons, William D. Landing, Jr., and Emmett Landing; a number of grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Virginia West and Mrs. Gladys Lamb, both of Elizabeth City.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Guilford Coach Banquet Speaker

Members of the Monogram Club at Perquimans High School entertained Wednesday night at the club's annual football banquet, honoring the 1959 football team.

William Dole, coach at Guilford College, was the guest speaker for the event and gave the youths a fine talk on sports and sportsmanship. A number of special guests also attended the dinner meeting.

Candidate Visits Hertford Thursday

Terry Sanford, unofficial candidate for the office of governor, visited Hertford Thursday afternoon while on tour of a number of counties in this section of the State.

Sanford visited among the business stores and offices and also held an informal meeting at the Municipal Building between the hours of five and six o'clock.

Perquimans Recorder Metes Heavy Fines To Defendants In Traffic Cases Tuesday

A number of heavy fines were meted out to defendants in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday after the defendants had been found guilty of traffic violations.

Manley Smith, found guilty on charges of being drunk, possessing and transporting liquor and allowing an unlicensed operator to drive his car was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs or serve 30 days in jail.

Thomas Jones pleaded guilty to charges of driving drunk and driving without a license. He was given a 60 day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$175 and costs.

Ruth Smith was ordered to pay the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk.

The following defendants paid fines as indicated after their names after each had submitted to charges of speeding: Millard Hopper \$27, Attila Boka \$2, Richard O'Hearn \$25, Floyd Hatcher \$23, Layton Minnix, Charlie Lindley, Jonie Johnson \$49, Moses Williford \$25.

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Costs of court were taxed against Charles Spruill and Clifford Perry after each had submitted to charges of exceeding a safe speed limit.

James Perry and Charles Jernigan, Negroes, paid the costs on charges of driving with improper lights.

Greenwood, Welch, Negro, wife



READY FOR ACTION—Policemen and their dogs line up for inspection in Washington, D.C. They comprise the district's first canine corps—used to flush out and apprehend burglars and other criminals.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Democratic leaders express some doubt as to the possibility the nation will wind up its next fiscal year with a surplus in the amount predicted by President Eisenhower. These leaders point out more money than anticipated should be spent for defense and space exploration as well as other governmental functions.

The opening week in Congress found the members jockeying for power positions pretty much the same as when Congress adjourned last fall. A group of liberals have proclaimed stands they expect to take and indicate they will seek to upset the conservatives in seeking to achieve their goals.

Cuba this week denied a U. S. protest filed in connection with the Cuban seizure of property owned by Americans. The protest filed by U. S. Ambassador Bonsal sought protection on the rights of U. S. citizens under the Cuban land reform laws.

One body remains missing in the plane disaster which occurred near Wilmington earlier this week resulting in the death of 34 persons. Missing is Carlos Valdes, an official of a Cuban bank. Reports Wednesday stated the man's widow had abandoned further search for the body. Officials are continuing an investigation as to the cause of the plane crash.

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Farmers Offered Premeasurement Service By ASC

Any farmer in this county may have the acreage laid out for him on which he will plant his allotment crop for this year, George Bellmon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, said today.

Every year there are some farmers who, through inaccurate measurement on their own part or because of incorrect information on the acreage in permanent fields, plant either more or less than they are actually permitted by their allotment. In the case of overplanting, this causes the farmer unnecessary expense in the way of unused fertilizer, unused plants or seed, or treating of land that can't be used. In the case of underplanting, this could cause the farmer to lose some of his "planting history".

This premeasurements service may be requested through the ASC County Office for all spring-planted crops. ASC has already trained and equipped the reporters who will do this premeasurement work. The farmer will be required to pay only the actual cost of the visit to his farm and the determination of acreage on his farm. The deposit to cover the actual cost of the work is made by the farmer at the time he makes application for premeasurement.

The premeasured acreage will be accepted by ASC reporters as the "official" measured acreage provided the farmer plants the entire premeasured acre and no more, and provided there was no obvious error made in the premeasurement. A later trip will be made to the farm to determine that these requirements have been met; but in most cases additional measurements will not be necessary.

According to Bellmon, only a limited amount of this premeasurement work can be done in the short time available, so applications should be made early. All farmers desiring premeasurement should visit their local ASC office as soon as possible.

Indians - Squaws Lose In Twin Bill

Ahoskie High basketball teams scored a twin victory over Perquimans here Tuesday night. The Ahoskie girls unleashed a smashing offensive during the second half of the game to win 49-31 over the Squaws.

Perquimans girls had a one point lead at half time 21-20, but counted for only 10 points in the last half of the contest. Spear was high scorer in the game with 15 points, while Rawls led the visitors with 8.

The boys' game was mostly Ahoskie all the way. Ahoskie jumped into a 30-16 lead during the first half and maintained its advantage in the second half ending up with a 53 to 34 decision over the Indians.

Overton led the scoring for Ahoskie with 19 points, Odum hit for 8, Lindsay 7 and Beaman 4. Billy Nixon tallied 19 points for Perquimans, while C. D. White hit for five and J. Nixon for four.

Dirty Trick

Not only was it a dirty trick but the act was also unlawful. The individual, as yet unknown, placed a firecracker or some other explosive matter in side the mailbox of Ernest Long Route three, Hertford, last Saturday, after the family mail had been delivered.

The family was away at the time but on returning home went to the mailbox and discovered the box badly damaged and some important mail, including a check made out to Mrs Long, destroyed.

Hearings Planned For Complaints On Appraisals

Representatives of the Carroll Phelps Company, which recently completed the field work in connection with a revaluation of real property within Perquimans County, will be at the Courthouse in Hertford during the last two weeks of February for the purpose of hearing complaints by property owners or the appraisals made on the property. It was reported this week by Julian C. Powell, tax supervisor.

Notices of new property assessments to be used for tax purposes for 1960 were mailed out by the tax supervisor late last month. Receipt of these notices has caused considerable discussion by the property owners concerning the appraisals, many of whom have voiced a desire to protest the figures for their property.

Mr. Powell stated the appraisal representative will be at the Courthouse each week day except Saturdays for the final two weeks next month.

Copeland Funeral Conducted Monday

Funeral services for Miss Ellen Frances Copeland, 86, who died in her sleep Saturday morning at her home, 611 Pennsylvania Avenue, were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Frank Fortesque, pastor of Anderson's Methodist Church.

"Abide With Me" was played during the service by Mrs. J. Ellie White, organist. The casket was covered with a pall of red carnations, white mums, white glads and fern. Pallbearers were Preston Russell, Julian, Ed and Billy Nixon and Joe Snell.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery. A native of Chowan County, Miss Copeland had lived in Hertford around 23 years. She was the daughter of the late Josiah and Jane Britten Copeland and a member of the Friends Church in Media, Pa.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Annual Christian Workers School Be Conducted Here

Methodists of Chowan and Perquimans counties will participate in their annual Christian Workers School January 31-February 4, at the First Methodist Church in Hertford. Sponsored jointly by the N. C. Conference Board of Education and the local churches of the two counties, this year's school will offer four courses vital to the Christian growth of church people. Sessions of the five-night school will begin at 7:30.

"The Gospel of Luke" will be taught by Mrs. T. S. Newbold of Rocky Mount. This is the general Bible course, offered for all who desire a deeper understanding of Bible content. Text for this course is Laymon's book "Luke's Portrait of Christ," which is also one of this year's approved study texts for the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Mrs. Newbold is a member of the southeastern jurisdiction committee on Status of Women, and a former state president and vice president of the N. C. Council of Churches. Currently she is serving as state chairman of leadership education and member of the national board of managers of United Church Women.

The Rev. R. L. Bame, Wilmington, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, will teach the course for youth and workers with youth, "Youth and Worship." Mr. Bame is active in youth work of the North Carolina Conference, having served as district youth director, and as secretary of the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations.

"Music and Children of the Church" will be taught by Miss Carolina Wright, Hertford, public school music teacher and minister of music in the N. C. Conference. The textbook for this course is "Music in Religious Growth of Children," and is designed to help workers with children and with choir groups to find new ways to use music in helping children learn about God, and to worship God.

Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City, is instructor for the course designed especially for young adults in the churches on "Your Home Can Be Christian." Mrs. Jerome, an outstanding leader in the Family Life program of the conference, will seek to help parents face some of the conflicting problems which the modern home must face.

Local leaders in this year's (Continued on Page 6)

Local Committee Given Data On Organizing Chamber Of Commerce For This County

Details concerning the organization and operation of a Chamber of Commerce for Perquimans County were outlined to a local committee here last Monday afternoon by George Attix, manager of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce.

The local committee, acting in behalf of a large number of interested county citizens, has been conducting a survey concerning perfection of an industrial organization or a county-wide Chamber of Commerce. The survey reveals sufficient interest to finance the program but a definite decision awaits the type of organization to be adopted here.

Mr. Attix visited Hertford at the request of the committee, and the District Office for Chamber of Commerce. He gave the committee information on the financial support needed for operation of a Chamber of Commerce, and also detailed the work carried out for community improvement and betterment once the Chamber of Commerce is organized within a community.

He stated that while a Chamber of Commerce was not primarily an industry-hunting organization it did work closely with the community in securing of new industry, and at the same time carried out a program of work essential to improvement of the community, making it a better prospect for new industry.

Members of the local committee, which is composed of R. L.

Mayor Reports On Town Projects Now Being Carried Out

Rites Held Friday For Sarah Davis

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah E. Davis, 91, who died Tuesday of last week at the home of a nephew, Bennie Winslow, in the Whiteston community, were conducted Friday afternoon at Up River Friends Church by the Rev. Orval Dillon.

Mrs. Davis was a native of Perquimans County and had lived in Texas for 35 years, returning here 15 years ago. She was a daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann White Winslow and the widow of William P. Davis. She was a member of the Friends Church.

Interment was in Up River Friends Cemetery. Pallbearers were Elsbury Lane, Archie Riddick, Gerald Winslow, Clifton Winslow, Merial Winslow and Millard Winslow.

Attorneys Seek Change Of Venue

Attorneys representing Ann Taylor Hollowell Taylor in a suit in which the plaintiff is seeking \$250,000 damages from the Town of Hertford for the fatal death of her husband, who died in an accident in Hertford on January 7, 1957, are seeking a change in venue from this county, or a change of venue for the jury. This was the report made to the Hertford Town Board by Town Attorney Chas. E. Johnson on Monday night.

The suit is being defended by the town through Attorneys Johnson and John Hall. Mr. Johnson advised the Town Commissioners the defense is hopeful the matter will be settled at the February term of Superior Court.

Building Permits For Year \$44,900

Building permits, issued by the Town of Hertford during 1959, amounted to \$44,900 in construction, it was reported Tuesday by F. T. Britt, superintendent, who issues the permits. Mr. Britt pointed out permits must be secured before property owners can start building or repair projects on property.

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Progress is being made, according to a report made Monday night by Mayor V. N. Darden to Town Commissioners, on the conversion of the town's electrical system from a delta system to a Y system. The Mayor pointed out to the board this program has been under consideration for some time and when completed will provide the town's electric consumers with a modern, efficient system.

He stated installation of the Y system will provide a more even distribution of the electric power and at the same time result in less voltage loss.

During the meeting of the Board Monday, Clerk R. C. Elliott gave the Commissioners an accounting of the town's operations for the first six months of the fiscal year, pointing out income is running slightly higher than estimates made last July while expenditures are in keeping with the budget adopted at that time.

During the period covered by the report expenditures for the street department amounted to \$16,445 from a budget of \$34,100; police department, on a budget of \$15,000 had expended \$6,200; the fire department, on a budget of \$3,000, had expended \$1,097; expenditures for the electrical department amounted to \$37,593 of its \$82,000 budget.

Fire Chief R. C. Elliott announced to the Board the District Firemen's Convention was to be held in Hertford on Tuesday night and he invited the members of the board to attend the dinner and business meeting scheduled for Perquimans High School.

257 Census Takers Assigned For Work In This District

Establishment of a district office for the 1960 census of population and housing at the Post Office Building at Washington, N. C., has been announced by Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte.

John R. Brinson of Belhaven will be supervisor of the district office. He will direct a force of 15 crew leaders and 242 census takers in the following counties: Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington.

Taking the 1960 census nationally will require the services of 160,000 enumerators, 10,000 crew leaders and 400 district supervisors, all temporary workers. The district supervisors, working under the general direction of the permanent regional field directors, are responsible for all phases of the census in their districts. Duties of the district supervisor include the recruiting of the crew leaders, obtaining space for crew leader training, recruiting and training a small office staff, reviewing the completed questionnaires and direct supervision of the field canvass which begins on April 1.

Prior to the start of the census, all households will receive in the mail an advance census report form, a new census-taking device which is designed to speed up the field canvass and provide more accurate statistics. Distribution of this form, which contains the basic population and housing questions gives the family a chance to assemble information about each member in advance of the census taker's visit.

CENTRAL PTA TO HOLD SUPPER MONDAY

The Central Grammar School PTA will hold its annual covered dish supper Monday night, January 18, beginning at 6:30 o'clock in the school cafeteria. The PTA meeting will follow the supper. All patrons and members are invited to attend.