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Meeting Called To Explore Expansion Of Phone Service

The rural people of Perquimans County are planning an all-out drive for telephone service according to a statement by R. M. Thompson, county agricultural agent.

A preliminary meeting of a few interested people was held Monday afternoon, February 29, in the Agricultural Building, at which time it was decided to call a meeting of all rural residents of the county who do not now have telephone service or who desire better service.

This meeting will be held in the Agricultural Building Monday, March 7, at 7:30 P. M. Mr. Thompson urges the rural people to attend this meeting and let their wishes be known.

A field representative of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority will attend the meeting and assist in making the survey.

In recent weeks considerable comment has been made concerning the present telephone facilities in Perquimans County, and the need for a large number of rural residents to pay toll charges when desiring to call a telephone number within the town of Hertford.

Complaints have also been heard that some residents of the county desire telephone service but are unable to secure it; or that the service is hampered due to the number of subscribers on each line.

Commissioners for Perquimans County are now active toward securing increased service for county residents and the abolishment of the toll charges for calls within the county. The Board of Commissioners are scheduled to have a conference with local telephone officials concerning this matter next Monday.

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Mrs. Albertson

Funeral services for Mrs. Esther Owens Albertson, 62, who died Monday night in the Abbeville Hospital following an illness of four months, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. J. A. Auman, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

"In the Garden" was sung by Mrs. Ruth Sumner, Mrs. J. A. Atman and John Beers, accompanied by Mrs. J. Ellie White, organist.

The casket pull was made of white mums, white glads and pink carnations.

Pallbearers were Pete Boyce, Jessie Lee Harris, Walter Oakley, Preston Nixon, Dickie Owens and Melvin Owens, Jr.

Burial was made in the Hebron Methodist Church Cemetery near Powell's Point.

A native of Currituck County, Mrs. Albertson had resided in Hertford for the past 43 years. She was the wife of the late Charles Ross Albertson and daughter of the late Eddie and Sallie Etheridge Owens. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Lucinda Jones of Old Trap and Mrs. Ruth Sanderlin of Shiloh; four brothers, John Owens of Powell's Point, Melvin Owens of Route 3, Hertford, Apples Owens of Elizabeth City and Marshall Owens of Hertford.

Stolen Car Found Wednesday Morning

A 1960 Plymouth, owned by Marshall Copeland, reported as stolen from Market Street Tuesday about noon was found abandoned near the town's new water well Wednesday morning by E. T. Britt. According to reports a number of accessories on the car had been taken. Law enforcement officers are conducting an investigation of the theft.

Spivey Candidate For County Board

R. L. (Bob) Spivey announced last Saturday he will be a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner for New Hope Township in the May primary.

Mr. Spivey has been a member of the Board of Commissioners since 1952, and has served as chairman of the board for the past term. He filed notice of his candidacy for the office with the Board of Elections last Saturday morning.

Navy To Survey Harvey Point Site In Near Future

A Navy Department survey team, headed by Rear Admiral Ralph E. Wilson, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, will in the near future visit the Harvey Point Navy site to review its possibility for use in naval operations.

This announcement was made Thursday of last week by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, who in correspondence with this reporter, said he had not given up on Harvey Point and that he will continue his efforts in getting the Navy or some other national defense agency to use the base.

Rear Admiral Wilson advised Mr. Bonner of the pending inspection tour following a call on the Navy by Congressman Carl Vinson, chairman of the Armed Services Committee that the Navy find some use for this site on which the Navy had spent some \$10 million during the past three years.

Chairman Reports On Heart Fund

Mrs. Elwood Nowell, chairman of the 1960 Heart Fund Campaign, reports a total of \$445.45 collected thus far in the 1960 drive. This report is not complete, however, as all the solicitors had not turned their reports in at the time of this publication.

On Saturday, February 21, a Balloon Day was held with the Hertford Girl Scouts participating. \$25.07 was realized from this effort.

Mrs. Charles Murray and Mrs. Francis Nixon were in charge of a Heart Fund benefit card party on February 26. From this \$70 was turned over to the drive.

The highlight of the Heart Drive was Heart Sunday on February 28. The total figures of Sunday's collections are not complete and will be released later when all reports are in.

H. C. Sullivan and J. E. Newby were in charge of the town solicitations; Mrs. Nowell, the county. The Hertford Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts helped with the door to door canvass on Sunday afternoon. Anyone not at home on Sunday who wishes to make a contribution to the drive may do so by mailing it to Robert L. Stevenson, treasurer of the 1960 drive. The committee is appreciative of the part played in the fund drive by the Girl Scouts. Members of the unit sold balloons and tickets to the benefit card party.

WINS ECC HONORS

Clinton O. Davis of Edenton, son of Mrs. William Divers of Hertford, was recently selected as Mr. Representative Teacher for 1960 at East Carolina College. This is one of the highest honors an ECC student can achieve during the year.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

All local churches will participate in a World Day of Prayer services to be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Methodist Church in Hertford.



Taking a leading part in the 4-H Club Development Fund for Perquimans County, which got under way here with a meeting Tuesday, are the following persons shown above: Mrs. Elton Matthews and Eroughon Dail.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

4-H Development Fund Started In County On Tuesday

I. Beverly Lake, former assistant State Attorney General, Tuesday became the fourth candidate for Governor, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 28. Dr. Lake is a widely-known attorney noted for his position regarding interpretation of states rights granted under the law.

Two earthquakes and a huge tidal wave caused the death of 1,000 persons in the city of Agadir, Morocco, Tuesday. The quakes and fire which followed practically destroyed the city of 40,000. U. S. and French armed forces stationed in the country aided in the rescue work and evacuation of the remaining population from the tragedy scene.

A filibuster is in process in the U. S. Senate. Southern Senators opposing an effort to enact civil rights laws as amendments to other laws, have served notice they will oppose the adoption of the rights bill during the present session of the Congress. A report from Washington states the Senate may invoke rules of cloture which will terminate the filibuster.

President Eisenhower received warm welcomes in the nation he visited in South America and diplomats report the visits may result in stronger ties between the U. S. and countries in Latin America.

Rites Thursday For Mrs. Morgan

Mrs. Arabella Keaton Morgan, 79, died Wednesday morning at 1:15 in a Kinston hospital following a six weeks illness. A native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County, Route 2, she was the wife of the late Ernest U. Morgan and daughter of the late Henry and Mary Elliott Elliott. She was a member of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and a member of its Woman's Missionary Society.

She is survived by two sons, Thomas K. and Ernest E. Morgan of Route 2, Hertford; one daughter, Mrs. Carmen Dawkins of Kinston; one brother, Joseph P. Elliott of Chapanoke; one sister, Mrs. Betty Britt of Shelby and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church by the Rev. Lamar Wheeler, pastor. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Phone Company Seeks Cable Permit

The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company has made application to the U. S. Army Engineers for a permit for existing submarine cable across the Perquimans River at Hertford with depth of the cable to be 11 feet below mean low water in the navigation channel. Any objections to the issuance of the permit will be received at the District Office, U. S. Army Engineers, Wilmington, N. C., until March 30, 1960.

Hertford Chamber Commerce Seeks Full Time Manager

Directors and officers of the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, meeting last week with J. Frank Melton, district manager for the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, voted to start immediately seeking a full time manager for the local unit.

Mr. Melton conducted a very informative meeting with the local officers, pointing out the need for a Chamber of Commerce in towns the size of Hertford. He gave the directors a number of helpful suggestions in laying the foundation for organizing an aggressive Chamber for Perquimans County.

He also supplied the group with names of a number of prospective managers for the county organization and the officers are now contacting these men concerning the opening here.

Also reported on during this meeting was the results of a survey conducted by Floyd Mathews pertaining to the marketing and consumption of pork and pork products in Perquimans County. Mr. Mathews pointed out his survey revealed pork sales in Perquimans County dropped 25 per cent in 1959 compared with 1958 and the results are revealed there is a definite connection with consumption and the prices paid for hogs to the farmer.

Epworth Church Plans Revival

The Epworth Methodist Church of Winalf announces plans for revival services March 6-11 with the Rev. O. L. Hathaway as visiting minister. Services will begin Sunday night with services at 7:30 o'clock. The services each night during the week will begin at 7:45 P. M. The Oak Grove Choir will present special music on Sunday night. The Cedar Grove Choir will be the visiting choir for Tuesday and the Up River Friends Men's Choir will take part in the service on Thursday night.

The Rev. O. L. Hathaway is executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. He has served many years in the pastorate of Methodist churches as well as serving as District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District for six years.

The public is invited to attend any and all services.

Claude Williams New Chairman Of Red Cross Chapter

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams, Route 3, Hertford, have accepted appointment to direct the activities of the Perquimans Red Cross Chapter, it was announced here Monday.

Mr. Williams will succeed Marion Swindell as chairman of the chapter and Mrs. Williams will serve as vice chairman. Swindell, who served as the chapter chairman for two years, tendered his resignation of the post recently and has been working with district Red Cross officers in securing a new slate of officers for this county.

Plans are now being formulated for an active Red Cross year. Directors for the chapter, one coming from each township of the county, are now being selected as are fund drive chairmen for each of the five townships.

With March being traditionally Red Cross Month, during which the annual fund drive is conducted, the Perquimans Chapter is now preparing for that campaign and it is tentatively set for the last two weeks of the month.

Further announcements concerning the Red Cross fund drive will be made just as soon as the chapter has completed its roster of new officers and directors and when these plans are being placed into motion.

Commissioners To Meet Next Monday

Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold their March meeting next Monday, beginning at 10 A. M. in the Court House. In addition to other matters the Board is expected to confer with officials of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company concerning expansion and consolidation of the telephone service within the county.

Among other things the Board desires that all telephones within Perquimans County be placed under the Hertford exchange and that service be extended to some areas now without telephone service.

Six Cases Heard In Court Tuesday

Six cases were disposed of during Tuesday's term of Perquimans Recorder's Court, presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

Mathew Baily, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of assaulting his mother with his fists. He was given a 12-month road sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a \$100 fine and costs of court. The court also ordered Baily to stay away from the home of his mother, or face a charge of trespassing.

Jackson Costen, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk on a highway. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$2 and court costs or serve 30 days in jail.

Elmo Emory paid the costs of court after submitting to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

Calvin Casper pleaded guilty to use of an improper muffler and paid the court costs.

Elton Holley, Negro, was fined \$2 and costs after he submitted to a charge of being drunk. Joseph Mavretic paid a fine of \$29 after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

TOURING CHOIR SELECTED

Campbell College freshman Howard Mathews of Hertford has been selected to appear in Campbell's 1960 44-voice touring choir. In addition to several appearances in North and South Carolina, the choir will have a week-long singing and sightseeing tour of Florida. Mathews is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Mathews of Route 1, Hertford.

C Of C Developing List Of Contacts For New Industry



W. A. (Billy) White pictured here is a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 28. Mr. White announced his candidacy recently.

Representatives of two industrial organizations visited Hertford this week to confer with officers of the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce concerning the relocation of plants, it was reported Wednesday by Charles M. Harrell, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

One of these industries, the representative of which appeared very much impressed with this community, will employ about 150 persons. The representative secured considerable information from Mr. Harrell and from Eric Haste, Jr., and inspected several plants believed to be available for industrial development. This individual appeared to be much impressed with the prospective low tax rate which is anticipated for the county for the coming year.

Another necessity which apparently impressed the representative was the new water supply which will be made available by the Town of Hertford this year, and the abundant amount of water available from the new well site.

The representative told Mr. Harrell and Mr. Haste it was very probable officials of the company will make a visit to Hertford in the near future to give a personal inspection to the report he intends to file on his findings here.

The second contact made this week by the Chamber of Commerce involves a plant which will employ about 200 persons, many of this number being women. The representative for this firm was in contact by phone with Mr. Harrell, and he also expressed a desire to visit the community for a first hand look at the possibilities of the area.

Officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce are well pleased with the efforts being expended in development of contact leads with industry seeking relocation and are hopeful further development will lead to the community securing additional industry in the months ahead.

Theatre To Reopen About March 15th

The management of the State Theatre now plan to reopen the local movie house about March 15, according to Levin Culpepper, who was a guest at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club last Tuesday night.

Mr. Culpepper told the Rotarians the projection machinery is now being overhauled and that as soon as it was ready and the theatre itself had been reconditioned it will open on a part-time basis, showing movies on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday of each week.

He said the management will endeavor to secure the best possible pictures for the local movie, to be shown as soon as available.

Mr. Culpepper also expressed his appreciation to the merchants of Hertford for pledges toward the support of the operation of the theatre.

W. W. Bundy Files For Commissioner

W. W. (Woody) Bundy of Bethel Township is a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for Bethel Township, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 28.

Mr. Bundy filed notice of his candidacy for the office with Jarvis Ward, chairman of Perquimans County Board of Elections on Friday of last week.

Center Hill Church To Hold Revival

A revival service will be conducted at Center Hill Methodist Church March 6 through March 11 with the Rev. Harrell Thach, pastor of the Methodist Church at Boykin, Va., as the guest preacher. Services will be held each evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

Price Support On Peanuts Revealed By A.S.C. Office

Peanut farmers will enjoy a slightly increased price support level in 1960, as compared with 1959, according to George Bellmon, Perquimans County ASC office manager.

This is based on a recent announcement by the Department of Agriculture, that price support on 1960 crop peanuts will be at a minimum national average level of \$201.24 per ton. This compares with the minimum national support rate in 1959 of \$193.50 per ton. This shows a \$7.74 increase in the national average support rate and the support price in this state should advance at approximately the same ratio. According to Bellmon, if the increased support level to North Carolina farmers is at the same rate support in 1960 will be \$213.04 per ton to farmers in this state.

Support on 1960 crop peanuts will be available by means of warehouse storage loans to growers associations, farm storage loans and purchase agreements. Support for the 1959 crop reflected 75% of parity while the announced minimum support level for 1960 is equivalent to 78% of the February 1960 parity prices.

The fact that all these figures are based on a minimum national average support rate indicates if the supply situation in August of 1960 justifies an increase these rates might rise slightly.

Gregory Funeral Held Last Saturday

Mrs. Mary Rountree Gregory, 47, died here Thursday afternoon after an illness of more than two years.

She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Sally Hollowell Rountree and wife of Leslie P. Gregory.

She was a member of the Missionary Society of Epworth Methodist Church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Horace Rountree; one daughter, Fowler Rountree of Norfolk; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Phelps of Norfolk and Mrs. J. P. Cox of Buckroe Beach and one grandson.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday at 2 P. M., at Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. A. N. Gore, Jr., pastor of Epworth Methodist Church. Burial was in West Lawn Cemetery at Elizabeth City.

MASONS MEET TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, Jack Symons, master of the lodge, urges a large attendance.