

Six Counties Meet Considers Highway Improvements

About 25 representatives from Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden, Currituck and Dare counties met at a dinner meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Edenton Restaurant. The purpose of the meeting was to consider road improvements in the Albemarle section, and U. S. 17 in particular, due to the expected increase in traffic in connection with the Chesapeake Bay bridge-tunnel.

Present also at the meeting was Merrill Evans, Chairman of the N. C. State Highway Commission and W. F. Babcock, director of the Commission.

Edwin R. Mac Kethan of Norfolk, a director of the National Bank of Commerce, also attended the meeting. He presented a group of charts pointing out the impact and the effect the increased travel will have on Eastern North Carolina. He stated that the present U. S. 17 has its drawbacks due to a narrow highway and narrow bridges. He pointed out that adequate highways are necessary for expansion of recreational facilities and industrialization and said the question is, "Will we be ready for it when the Chesapeake Bay project is completed?"

Chairman Merrill Evans was also one of the speakers and in a humorous vein he said he should invoke the Fifth Amendment. He did, however, reiterate a previous statement that U. S. 17 is of tremendous importance to the expected increased vehicular traffic. However, he pointed out that he is vitally interested in the total development of Eastern North Carolina. "This section of the state," he said, "is blessed with many natural resources but that they have not been developed." In this respect, he advanced the idea that the several counties come together and plan for mutual development of the entire section. He said other highways need improvements and, of necessity, what money is spent on U. S. 17 will have some relation with what is spent on other highways, for a network of good roads are essential in the proper development of the entire region in way of recreation and industrialization.

Mr. Babcock also spoke briefly, directing his remarks for the most part about priority for highways. He said there are 1,035 road projects now on file and that to complete them would require an additional \$35,000,000. The Highway Commission faces many facets in road building, he said, and they try to thoroughly analyze proposals which will be the case in highways in connection with the bridge-tunnel project. No attempt will be made by the present Highway Commission, which might be changed, he said, to adopt priorities.

The group was welcomed by Mayor John Mitchener. Weldon Hollowell, Chairman of the Chowan County group, presided over the meeting, with Mayor Levin Culpepper of Elizabeth City being in charge of the discussion period.

Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court At Session Tuesday

Holy Week Service Schedule Given For Holy Trinity

A docket of 27 cases was disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court, presided over by Judge Chas. T. Johnson.

Defendants in 12 of the cases submitted to charges of speeding in grand paid fines as indicated: Earl Riddick \$35, Wilson Rhodes \$25, Nelson Smith \$25, Betty Davis \$25, William Holmes \$30, Wesley Nelson \$35, Santo Marotta \$25, George Grant \$25, Carl Dingo \$23, George Vanwinkle \$23, John Symons \$35, Oscar Blair \$25.

Other submissions handled by the court included John Blanchard, Negro, failure to grant right of way, costs; Marjorie Johnson, Negro, failure to observe stop sign, costs; Lloyd Barnes and Rufus Spellman, using improper mufflers, costs; Booker Costen and Glen Moore, Negroes, improper parking, costs; Howard Harrell, Negro, no operator's license \$25 and costs, Charlie Gillcrease, Negro, improper license, costs; Durwood Hassell, Negro, driving on left side of road, costs; Cladie Winslow, Negro, improper muffler, costs; William Rountree, no chauffeur's license, costs; Joseph Tillet, Negro, following too closely, costs; Elisha Russell, no operator's license, failure to grant right of way, fraudulent use of license, \$50 and costs.

Cleveland Riddick, Negro, was found guilty on counts of destroying property and assault. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 or serve 60 days on the roads.

Luselle Eason, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk. He was given a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$3 and costs.

Herbert Modlin, Curtis Roundtree and Joe Jones failed to appear in court to answer to the charges brought against each of them, and they were ordered apprehended and held for bonds of \$100 each.

COMMITTEE TO MEET
The Parkville Rural Development Committee will meet Monday night, March 27, at 7:30 o'clock in the Community Building at 11th Street. All members are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.



DOG'S BEST FRIEND—After the female German shepherd had been marooned on the Lake Michigan ice for a day, humane officers took to the air. Using a helicopter, they shepherded the shepherd to the Chicago shore, left. But not far from land, the ice gave way. Using a lasso, officer plucked dog from the water, right, and airlifted it to safety.

This Week's Headlines

Talks aimed at banning future nuclear tests reopened in Geneva this week with concessions being offered Russia by the U. S. and Britain. France, latest nation to develop nuclear power, is not present at the conference but hope is expressed the conference will lead to a treaty acceptable to the world.

President Kennedy this week called on Congress for a number of changes in the United States budget asking among other things for \$442 million for the Agriculture Department; also increases were asked for Information Agency and the State Department.

South Africa, long an important part of the British Commonwealth, has broken its ties with the United Kingdom and withdrawn from the Commonwealth following a conference of the ministers during which the South African government was criticized for its stand on racial questions.

Government officials have announced the recession picture appears brighter this month with figures indicating a leveling off in production and unemployment. February figures show national production did not fall below the previous month and seasonal employment halted the slide in jobs noted in recent months.

A bill, calling for changes in the State Highway Commission, is expected to be introduced in the Legislature possibly next week. The proposal is expected to enlarge the commission and restore more authority regarding secondary roads to a local level; however, authority over primary systems is expected to remain at the state level.

King Street PTA To Sponsor Scout

The King Street School PTA met Monday night in the activity room at 8 o'clock P. M. The devotion consisted of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and prayer by Louis H. Felton. The president, Mrs. Daisy Perkins, presided. The previous minutes were read and duly approved.

Fred Riddick, institutional representative for Troop 141, came before the group requesting aid in sending one or two Scouts to camp in New Mexico. The trip is for 21 days and would cost \$165 per Scout. The trip is to begin August 2nd and end August 23rd. Means of financing the trip were discussed at some length. It was decided by the group to send one Boy Scout. A committee was then appointed to work out ways and means of raising the necessary funds. It was suggested to take the registration fee of \$10 from the PTA treasury.

The program committee then presented a most informative panel discussion on tuberculosis. Panelists were Mrs. A. Hurdle, Mrs. L. Rouse and Mrs. A. Jones.

Price Support For 1961 Crop Of Peanuts Set At \$221.00 Per Ton

Peanut farmers will enjoy an increased price support level in 1961, as compared with 1960, 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 1961 crop peanuts will be at a minimum national average of \$221 per ton. This compares with the minimum national support rate in 1960 of \$201.24 per ton. This shows a \$19.76 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 1961 will be approximately \$233 per ton to farmers in this state.

Support on 1961 crop peanuts will be available by means of warehouse stored loans to growers' associations, farm storage loan and purchase agreements. Support for the 1960 crop reflected 78% of parity while the announced minimum support level for 1961 is equivalent to 85% of the March 1961 parity price of \$260 per ton.

The fact that all of these figures are based on a minimum national average support rate indicates if the supply situation in August of 1961 justifies an increase these rates might rise slightly.

Another factor which will affect the price farmers receive for their peanuts in this state, according to Bellmon, is the discontinuation of the deduction from growers support prices for inspection, growers association expenses, and monthly storage. The deduction from growers' support prices of \$9 per ton from the 1960 crop for these expenses has been eliminated by the Secretary of Agriculture. At the time the Secretary announced this change he stated: "Elimination of the \$9 per ton charge and the higher support price will increase the net advance to producers by an average of \$28.76 per ton more than last year. Farmers received \$192.24 per ton in 1960. This will be increased to \$221 per ton in 1961."

Archie Lane Named Cooperative Proxy

Archie T. Lane, Sr., president of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation was reelected president of the Tar Heel Electric Membership Association, a state organization of REA Cooperatives at a meeting held last week in Raleigh. Mr. Lane previously held the post of vice president of the association and succeeded to the president's position when the former president resigned.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY

The Perquimans County Library will be closed all day on Good Friday and all day on Easter Monday. It was announced today by Mrs. Lucy Whedbee, librarian.

Patricia Biggers Becomes Bride Of William E. Schaaf

In a ceremony marked by its simplicity, Miss Patricia Biggers of Hertford became the bride of William Edward Schaaf of Mansfield, Ohio, on Friday afternoon, March 17 in the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church in Durham.

Dr. William C. Bennett performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families. Marital music was presented by Mrs. Agnes Skillen, organist. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Biggers of Hertford and a graduate of Duke University in this spring.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon E. Schaaf of Mansfield, Ohio, and he will graduate from Duke University in June. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a royal blue jersey suit with blue and white shantung blouse, clutch jacket with full sleeves. She carried a white Bible topped with three small orchids.

Maid of honor was Miss Joanna P. Williford of Hertford, who wore a Kelly green suit, clutch jacket with navy and white trim. She carried a bouquet of carnations and mums. Theodore McDonald of Buffalo, New York, was best man.

Indians Announce 13-Game Baseball Schedule Underway

Perquimans High School will play a 13-game baseball schedule this spring season, according to an announcement made by E. C. Woodard, principal at the school.

Under state athletic association rules, only a conference championship play off will be staged this season, since regulations now forbid the usual state championship play off.

The schedule for the Indians as released this week is as follows:
March 24—Cokerin here.
March 28—Elizabeth City here.
April 7—Scotland Neck here.
April 11—Edenton here.
April 14—Williamston here.
April 18—Ahoskie here.
April 21—Plymouth here.
April 25—Scotland Neck here.
April 28—Edenton here.
May 2—Williamston here.
May 5—Ahoskie here.
May 9—Plymouth here.
All conference games will be played at 3:30 P. M. unless otherwise stated as night games.

MASONS TO MEET
Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 105 A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Central PTA Hears Talk By Biggers On School Program

The Central Grammar School PTA met at the school Monday night, March 20. The meeting was preceded by a covered dish supper held in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Harold White, president, called the meeting to order and asked the assembly to stand and sing "America".

Mrs. Elwood Nowell, program chairman, introduced J. T. Biggers who called on Mrs. Margaret White to give a report on the "United Forces for Education" meeting which was held in Raleigh. Mrs. Maston gave a very concise and interesting report. Mr. Biggers spoke on the "B" budget which is to be presented to the North Carolina Legislature. He listed the benefits for Perquimans County if this budget is passed. The benefits would be: An increase in teacher salaries; better teaching situations (4 additional teachers); clerical help for teachers and principals; give teachers more instructional supplies, and additional library funds; special health services to children; additional clerical help in superintendent's office; better janitorial service and supplies, 15% increase in school mechanic's salary and additional funds for water, light and power; extended term of teachers' employment.

Mr. Biggers answered questions for the PTA members and Mrs. White called for a motion from the floor to have Central PTA to go on record as supporting.
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Special Services At Baptist Church On Good Friday

Good Friday, March 31, Special Services will be held in the Hertford Baptist Church with the churches of the town coming together in a union three-hour service, from 12 noon until three o'clock.

This year's meditations during the traditional hours when Jesus Christ was being crucified on the cross will be centered around the theme "Characters at the Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus." The Rev. E. M. Moseley, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the Rev. Norman B. Harris, pastor of the host church, will alternate in presenting these meditations which will include thoughts concerning the crowds, the soldiers, Pilate, Herod, Judas, religious leaders, Peter, Simon of Cyrene, the two thieves, the women, and Jesus.

The sections of the service will be planned so that worshippers may come and go quietly during the singing of hymns by the congregation. Residents of Perquimans County are invited to attend the Good Friday services, and many of the merchants are planning to close their businesses all or part of this time that their employees may participate.

Methodist Church To Hold Service

Holy Communion in observance of Maundy Thursday and the time of Jesus' Last Supper with His Disciples will be administered at First Methodist Church, Hertford, on Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 o'clock with the Rev. James A. Auman in charge.

In preparation for the Communion, the minister and choir will present first the account of the events of this historic Thursday, with appropriate Scripture and music. Slides which depict the story as told in the Passion Play at Oberammergau will be shown. These will be slides of actual scenes from the famous play, which is presented once every ten years in Oberammergau, Germany. All church members are invited to participate in this Holy Week observance, and the Boys' and Girls' Membership Training Class is planning to attend with their families for Communion together.

White House Shows Interest Toward Harvey Point Base

Board Concludes Tax Review Work

Commissioners for Perquimans County, meeting here last Monday as a Board of Equalization and Review, concluded their work in reviewing county property listed for 1961 taxation. A small number of citizens appeared before the board with requests for valuation changes and the commissioners spent considerable time checking valuations on personal property. Individuals having changes made in their valuation will be so notified by the County Tax Supervisor.

Phone Expansion Topic At Meeting

Representatives of the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company met here Thursday of last week with the Chamber of Commerce telephone committee for the purpose of discussing expansion of phone service in Perquimans County. J. H. Towe, Sr., chairman of the Chamber committee, presided and the telephone company was represented by Charles C. Blades and V. W. Chase.

During the conference, telephone officials pointed out Perquimans County phone subscribers had increased from a total of 314 in 1944 to 1,104 in 1961. The number of subscribers more than doubled during the past 10 years.

The Chamber of Commerce committee was advised the company has carried out considerable expansion of service in Bethel Township during the past year and has scheduled further expansion in the Winfall, Belvidere and New Hope areas for the present year.

A ray of hope that the Harvey Point Naval Base is not a dead issue appeared last week when a White House spokesman informed Congressman Herbert C. Bonner use of the facility is still under consideration by the Department of Defense.

Congressman Bonner, in a letter to Mayor V. N. Darden, said his interest in Hertford and Perquimans County had not diminished despite the setback concerning Harvey Point and released the following letter he had received from the White House as to the future of the facility.

"The President has asked me to reply to your letter of February 21, 1961, concerning the possibility of utilizing the Naval facility at Harvey Point, North Carolina in the programs of the Department of Defense. "The Department of the Navy informs me that an intensive survey has been made of the potentialities of the installation and the kinds of utilization for which it is adaptable. In this connection the other military departments also have been informed of the availability of the facility. As of this time, however, a definite program for utilization of the installation has not developed.

"For your information, however, it is understood that there is a possibility that a classified use of the facility may develop in the reasonably near future, in which event the installation will be utilized, although not involving substantial employment. "The President has asked the Department of the Navy to advise you promptly if this possibility materializes and wishes you to be assured that if it does not materialize, efforts will be continued to find other appropriate activities for the installation."

Approval Given To Hertford Bank For 5-Day Week Plan

Ben R. Roberts, Commissioner of Banks, on Thursday of last week issued an order granting approval to the Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Hertford to operate on a five-day week, designating that the bank is to be closed on Mondays, and remaining open additional hours on Friday evenings.

The order approving the proposal was issued following a hearing conducted here Monday of last week and after which the bank amended its petition to request permission to close on Mondays.

In the order approving the bank's petition, Mr. Roberts pointed out: "Pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 53-77.2, it is hereby ordered that (1) Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Hertford, North Carolina, shall be closed on Monday, of each week, beginning Monday, March 27, 1961; (2) Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Hertford, North Carolina, shall remain open for the transaction of business on each Friday, except when Friday shall fall on a legal holiday, beginning Friday, March 31, 1961, for not less than seven hours, three of which shall be after 3 P. M.; and (3) the above-named bank shall remain open on Lee-Jackson Day, Halifax Day, Confederate Memorial Day, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Day, Memorial Day and Election Day, unless such holiday falls on the day on which said bank is otherwise closed under the provisions of G.S. 53-77.2."

R. M. Riddick, Jr., Executive Vice President, announced Monday new banking hours will be observed beginning with Monday of next week, and the first Friday evening hours will be started Friday, March 31.

Riddick stated that due to a few merchants' opposition to Saturday closing, the bank had

decided to close on Mondays and remain open Friday afternoons from 3:30 P. M., to 7 P. M. He said "we feel that this change in banking hours will please the general public and that the new Friday evening hours will prove to be popular with our customers."

Perquimans High Honor Roll Listed Fifty Three Pupils

A total of 53 students at Perquimans High School were listed on the school honor roll at the close of the fourth grading period, it was announced by E. C. Woodard, principal.

- The honor students as listed were:
- 8th Grade — Wayne Owens, Reggie Webb, Lot Winslow, Margaret Ainsley, Mary Lee Newby, Phyllis Nixon, Betty Smith.
 - 9th Grade — Sandra Jennings, Ruth Harrell, Charles Woodard, John Stallings, Price Monds, Freddie Combs, Perry Monds, Sydney Ann Blanchard, Susan Cox, Faye Long, Judy Reed, Reggie Baker, Wayne Chappell, Tommy Harrell, Nancy Bateman, Gloria Miller.
 - 11th Grade — Frank Ainsley, Franklin McGoogan, Wade Morgan, Frankie Hurdle, Alton Daniels, Linda Chappell, Pete Cook, Sandra H. Nixon, Linda Rountree, Brenda Smith.
 - 12th Grade — Hubert Burden, Jerry Chappell, Carlyle Woodard, Linda Bass, Connie Boyce, Phyllis Hendren, Carroll McDonnell, Mary Lee Ward, J. D. Hollowell, Ann Benton, Kathryn Bonner, Delle Copeland, Jane Copeland, Dianne Hollowell, Rebecca Spear, Faye Wood.