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Local officials set plans for bridge and causeway in Hertford

The Hertford town council and the Perquimans County Commissioners met last Wednesday night with officials from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to determine the fate of the causeway and the s-shape bridge in Hertford.

Town council members and commissioners met with Mr. Earl Rountree, and Mr. Frank Price last Wednesday at G&S Seafood and later at the county courthouse for a meeting with the public to discuss what action to take concerning the causeway and s-shape bridge in Hertford.

Price, who is in charge of the road improvement program updated officials and the public as to the current condition of the causeway and bridge. Price stated that the causeway is in need of definite repairs according to tests done by state geotechnical units. The causeway was built on pilings and the pilings are failing. Voids have developed between the pilings and the asphalt of the road. These voids are causing the road surface to deteriorate. Price also stated that there are varying degrees of asphalt on the road over the causeway which causes it to be bumpy and uneven. The repairs needed on the causeway are not unusual for this type of road. He also stated that the bridge is in relatively good shape and needs only minor maintenance.

Price stated that the town and county have several options concerning the bridge and causeway open to them at this time.

'We want to work with you' said Price. He also stated that the department of transportation feels that this is a local situation, and that they are in the infant stages of planning what

to do.

One option discussed at the meeting was the replacement of the bridge and the causeway. This option was met with opposition, the replacement would have to be put into the transportation improvement program, and would probably not take place for 5 to 6 years. There are also many things which would have to be considered if the bridge was to be replaced such as the location of the channel, and the historical aspects.

Another option discussed which appeared to be much more popular was

that of repairing the causeway and bridge and continuing to limit the weight of trucks which can use both.

Price stated that the repairs would probably run around a half million dollars, and that the current 26 ton weight limit for trucks would probably be gradually reduced as time goes on.

Price stated that the bridge is safe, and that the causeway is safe with the absence of the heavy trucks.

County officials at the meeting seemed to agree with the second option siting a number of reasons for

keeping the causeway and bridge.

Price stated that at some point and time the bridge will probably have to be replaced, but for now it looks as though the bridge and causeway will be here for some time.

Officials stated that it is not known whether or not the causeway and bridge will have to be closed while the maintenance is taking place; nor does it know when the maintenance will begin. A decision will be made quickly according to Price, hopefully in the next few weeks.

400th celebration

Perquimans County celebrated North Carolina's 400th anniversary this weekend with features centered around our military heritage in the county.

The features began Friday night with an old fashioned Jollification (party) at the home of Mrs. Lucille Winslow. Guest dined on barbecued pig with all the fixings. Later in the evening guests gathered around the camp fire to join in an old fashioned sing-a-long led by Roy Askew of Elizabeth City. At 9:00 p.m. members of the 3rd North Carolina Battalion of Artillery, Battery B, fired a canon in a one gun salute.

Saturday the festivities moved to Newbold-White house, North Carolina's oldest house. The program began at 10:30 a.m. and was presided over by Dr. J. Parker Chesson, President, College of The Albemarle, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Members of the high school band performed and colors were presented for Mayor General Edward Scott, Adjutant General, North Carolina National Guard. Participating in the colors were colorguards from Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City, Detachment No. 1, C Company, 119th Infantry Regiment, Edenton, Reid Louthier, Post 362, American Legion, Hertford, William P. Stallings, Post 126, American Legion, Hertford, Hertford Fives and Drums, 3rd Regiment, North Carolina Battalion of Artillery, Battery B.

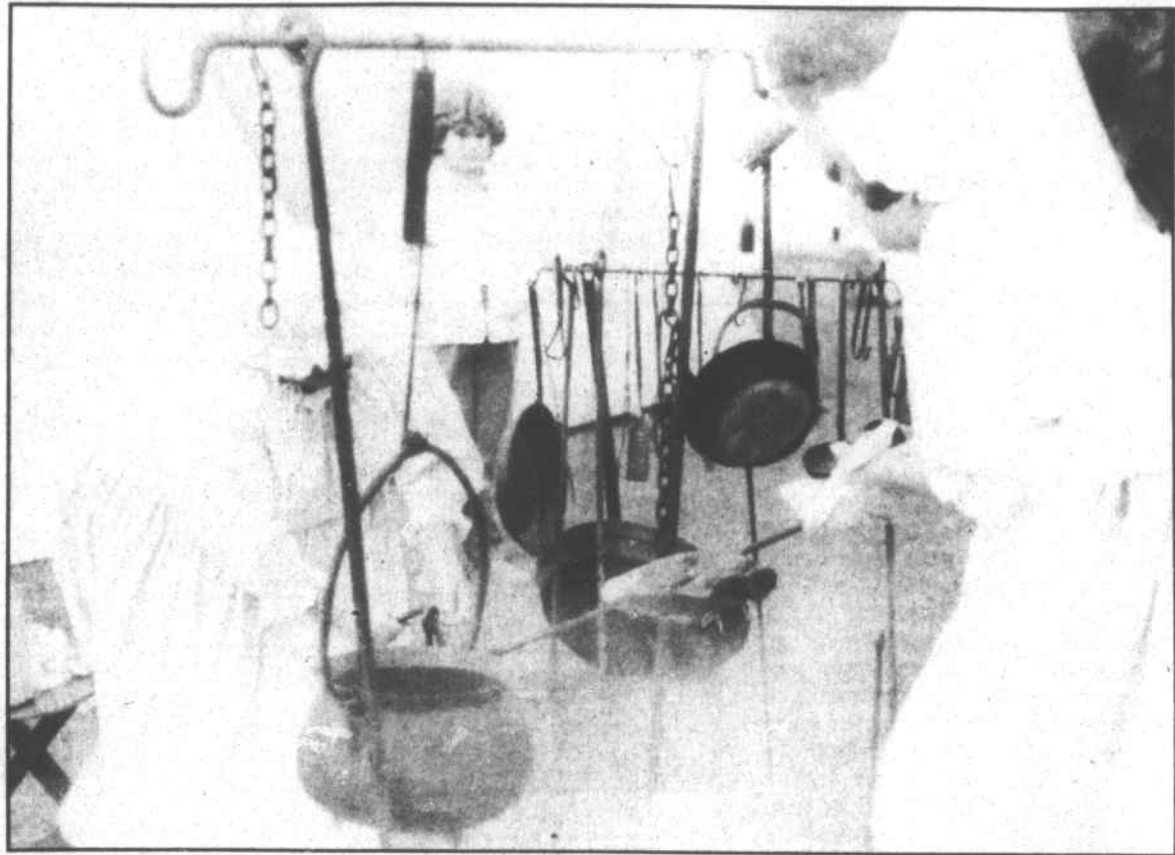
The address was given by Major General Charles Edward Scott. At noon Ray Winslow gave a tableau of 300 years of Perquimans Military History.

Also included in the program were reenacted scenes of important military history performed by the Hertford Fives and Drums as well as the North Carolina Battalion of Artillery, Battery B, and the 3rd Regiment, North Carolina Continental Line.

The program ended with a parade of veterans from the county including Walter A. Oakey, Jr., Paul M. Colson, Sr., Nelson Hurdle, and H.F. Simons, all who served in World War I.

Also in attendance was Jackson Hofer the youngest naval veteran who was present at the invasion of France as well as others.

Throughout the day and into the evening both the 3rd North Carolina Battalion of Artillery, Battery B, and the 3rd Regiment, North Carolina Continental Line staged an encampment on the grounds.



Shown here are women of the North Carolina Continental line preparing lunch for members of their unit. Below is Joseph Scott (David McCall) first owner of the Newbold-White house shown greeting General Scott on Saturday.

The North Carolina Battalion of Artillery staged a civil war camp and the 3rd Regiment depicted life during the Revolutionary War for visitors.

Both camps were very realistic and offered a true glimpse into our country's past.

The 400th celebration continued on Sunday with the Baptist churches celebrating their history in the county. The program was held at the high school athletic field and was highlighted by a special message given by the Rev. Larry McClure. Also included in the program was a brief history of the Baptist churches in the county given by the Rev. George Wilmore, Mount Sinai Baptist, and the Rev. John London of First Baptist Church in Hertford.

A special musical program was given by combined Baptist choirs of the area.

The 400th Anniversary Celebrations will continue next year. The theme for the final year will be the "Year of the River", and the Methodist Church will be featured.



Energy program outlined

Human Resources Secretary Philip J. Kirk, Jr., recently announced that an estimated 180,000 low-income families in North Carolina may be eligible for special financial assistance through the federal Low-Income Energy Assistance program. The program provides a one-time payment to help needy North Carolinians pay their heating bills.

"The purpose of the program is to provide families with some relief from the high cost of energy during cold weather," Kirk explained. "Priority will be given to the elderly and disabled citizens, and families with young children."

John Syria, Director of the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services, said that last year more than 177,000 households received assistance under this federal program, with payments averaging \$147.00. The size of the payment a family receives depends upon the number of people in the household, their combined incomes, where they live, and the type of heating fuel they use.

North Carolina's expects to spend about 22.9 million on the assistance program. The Department of Human Resources has been designated as the state agency responsible for administering the program. County social services departments across the state will determine eligibility.

Syria said that only households that have heating bills are eligible for this financial assistance. Applicants may also be eligible if their heating bills are included as part of their rent. Persons who live in public hous-

ing and are subject to additional heating charges may qualify for partial payments.

Eligible households must have incomes at or below 110 percent of the 1986 non-farm poverty level. The federal poverty level is \$663.00 a month for a family of 2, and \$1,008.00 a month for a family of 4.

In addition to these income limits, a household will be required to apply for the Low-Income Energy Assistance program at their county social services department. Elderly or disabled individuals may send a representative to apply for them, or call to make other arrangements.

Syria said that all county social services departments started taking applications for the program as of October 15. They will continue to accept applications through November 26. County social services departments will be working with local councils on aging and other agencies to make sure the elderly and disabled citizens know about the program, and are able to apply.

A one-time payment will be made in February after all low-income households have applied and their eligibility has been determined, he said.

For more information about the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, contact your local department of social services or call CARE-LINE toll-free from anywhere in North Carolina at 1-800-662-7030. Hearing impaired TTY-TDD users may call the same number for information.

Tea party planned

The 212th Anniversary Celebration of the Edenton Tea Party will take place Saturday, October 25, 1986 on the Edenton wa-

terfront near the Barker House Visitor Center. This year's celebration begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts until 4:00 p.m.

Hurricanes startle Pirates Friday

Hertford was the scene of a battle Friday night as the Albemarle conference's only two unbeaten teams met in a contest which literally ended with both teams slugging it out on the field.

With eight seconds left to go the Pirates got a shock as the North Hampton Hurricanes recovered a bad snap in the end zone and took a 6-0 lead.

As the time slowly ticked off the clock the Hurricanes made their final drive into Pirate territory. At 3:13 left in the game they found themselves on the Pirate 34 yard line, but the Pirate defense stopped them as they had throughout the game.

Donald Porch was tackled by Stanley Cobb for a nine yard loss on a play, and the Hurricanes were forced to punt. The Pirates got the ball on their own 20 yard line but couldn't get it together.

In an attempt to run out the clock the Pirates received a clipping penalty which moved the ball to about the eight yard line. After two running plays they found themselves on the 15 yard line. The clock still with time on it's hands.

The Pirates were forced to punt and ultimately lost the game due to the play.

Perquimans center Rodney Hill snapped the ball a little high for punter Jerrod Baccus. Baccus got his hands on the ball but soon lost grip. The ball bounced into the end zone. Baccus tried to recover but just could not seem to snatch it up.

Three North Hampton players jumped on the ball for the winning

touchdown of the game just as the buzzer sounded.

The Pirates held the Hurricanes to 44 yards rushing on 35 carries. Proch was limited to 14 yards on just 20 carries.

'Our defense played a real good game' said Coach Flippen. Perquimans was also held Friday by an excellent defense. The Hurricanes held the pirates who average 260 yards a game rushing to just 140 yards on the ground.

Even though the Pirates lost Coach Flippen felt they played a good game.

The action was not over as the buzzer sounded Friday night by any means. As both teams walked on the field to shake hands a fight broke out which turned into a nasty brawl before its end.

Coaches, police, and fans attempted to break it up. 'It was extremely unfortunate that it happened' said Coach Flippen. 'I don't really know what happened,' he said.

After approximately 10 minutes of fighting order was restored.

State highway patrolmen arrived at the field to assist local officials and the Hurricanes bus was pulled onto the field. The team was escorted from the county still in uniform.

No one was seriously injured in the fight Friday night, but both schools face fines from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Disciplinary action may also be taken against those who participated.

Don Juan recognized

HERTFORD—Business and education—it's a partnership with exciting potential. Business leaders realize they have a vested interest in education and its long-term effect on economic development; teachers realize that businesses can offer valuable expertise and support.

To promote continued cooperation, the North Carolina Business Committee for Education each year recognizes teachers and businesses who have worked together to enhance the quality of education for our young people.

Eighteen teachers and five bu-

sinesses from northeastern North Carolina have been nominated to receive a 1986 Governor's Business Award in Education.

Don Juan Manufacturing Co. of Hertford has been nominated to receive a Governor's Award for outstanding corporate contributions to education.

The North Carolina Business Committee was established in 1981 to assist schools by involving business leaders and their companies in educational partnerships.

Ribbon cutting ceremony held

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last Wednesday morning for Mumm Insurance Agency Inc. of Hertford.

Mumm Insurance Agency located at number 3 courthouse square opened for business October 15th.

Mr. Carl T. Mumm is president of the company, and his wife Cathy Mumm is serving as office manager. Mr. Mumm has over thirty years experience in life, health and medicare insurance.

He is a native of Nebraska, but he and his wife are currently living in Woodville. The Mumms have been residents of Perquimans County since 1966.

Store robbed in Hertford

According to police there was a break-in at Hertford Hardware on October 18th.

The break-in at Hertford Hardware occurred sometime between 4:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The police checked the building at 4:30 a.m. and at 7:00 a.m. it was discovered that someone had entered.

Winfall holds cook-out

Winfall was the scene last Wednesday night as local and state law enforcement officials as well as other guests gathered for the second annual Winfall law enforcement cook-out.

Sponsored by the Winfall police department the cookout has become an annual event, and something law en-

forcement officials look forward to.

Some 100 people gathered at the Winfall fire department, and dined on steamed shrimp, steamed oysters, fried fish, barbecued chicken, and roasted venison.

According to Joe Lothian the cookout was a big success and enjoyed by all.



Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. Mumm, Randy Keaton, Bill Cox, Hal Byrum, Erie and Suzanne Haste, who were present for the ribbon cutting at Mumm Insurance.



House damaged in fire

Five area fire departments responded to a fire in Woodville on Saturday night which caused extensive damage to the residence.

At approximately 9:30 pm a fire started at the residence of H. V. Cole on N.C. State Road 1329. The house is located just south of Woodville and is occupied by Cole's daughter.

Apparently the fire got started when a pan of grease on the stove flared up and quickly spread throughout the house.

It took approximately 15 minutes to bring the blaze under control, but fire officials remained on the scene for nearly four hours cleaning up debris and making sure all the embers were extinguished.

Members of Inter-county Fire Department, Durants Neck Fire Department, Hertford Fire Department, Providence Fire Department as well as the Nixonton Fire Department responded to the call.

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