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Measure Would Add Two to Commission

Proposed New Law Would Provide Two Members from Three Counties

Legislative steps are being taken by Rep. A. A. Zollcoffer, Jr., of Vance to increase the membership of the Kerr Reservoir Development Commission from 10 to 12.

The measure as provided by Zollcoffer has been approved by the Commission, of which N. Warren Weiden of Stovall, is chairman. If enacted, the Development Commission would have two members each from Warren, Vance and Granville where there now is only one from each of the counties.

Under the present law, three of the ten members include one each from the Wildlife Resources Commission, the State Board of Conservation and Development and the North Carolina Recreation Commission. This would not be changed. The remaining seven members would include two each from Vance, Granville and Warren counties, instead of one each as now. In lieu of four from Eastern North Carolina, as now, there would be three from the State at large.

At-large members are retained because of the statewide nature of the Reservoir Commission. The administration has approved the proposed change, Zollcoffer said.

Traffic Accidents Occur Near Home

Patrolman J. E. Rawls Speaks for Thursday Night Meeting of Lions

Less than five per cent of those involved in accidents in North Carolina are more than 25 miles from home at the time, Patrol Corporal J. E. Rawls told members of the Lions Club in an address here Thursday night.

Saturday and Sunday are the busiest days for accident investigators, and driving to the left of center produced more highway fatalities in North Carolina last year than any other cause, Rawls told his civic club audience.

Driving violations become habit forming practices on the part of the individual, Rawls continued, adding that teen-age drivers are less a problem for the patrol than are their parents who refuse to cooperate.

Rawls was presented by Program Chairman James N. Rowland. Laws stronger than the will of the public to accept them cannot be imposed upon the people of North Carolina, Rawls stated in appealing for cooperation of the public when charged with a violation. "Your patrolman wants to maintain friendly relations with the people of the area in which he works, and the patrolman must be diplomatic in the discharge of his duties," he went on.

Godwin Dancers To Recite Saturday At 8:15, Oxford High

Several from Oxford took part in the dance recital, "Look Who's Dancing," presented Friday night in Durham at Carr Junior High School by students of the Olive Godwin Dance School.

The dancers included Pam Pruitt, Martha May Moore, Debbie Currin, Cecelia Pruitt, Annabella Watkins, Robbie Watson, Martha Anne Morris, Karen Watson, Howard Leonard, Larry Currin, Jimmy Wright, Rodney Rose, Sam Moore, Steve Wright and Tommy Taylor in a number called Night Out; Brenda Currin and Howard Leonard in Fifth Avenue Rock; and Sam Moore, Stag at Eve.

The Oxford Class of the Godwin School will present a recital here Saturday night at 8:15 in the high school auditorium. In addition to the local students, a group from Durham will appear.

Johnny Blackwell To Get New Assignment

Johnny Blackwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Blackwell, who has been in San Salvador, El Salvador, for the past 19 months as a tobacco production supervisor, is spending a month's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Blackwell, before returning to duty. Blackwell will leave May 29 for Venezuela where he is being given new duty by his company, Brown-Williamson Tobacco Company.

Mrs. Cyrus R. Wheeler is a patient at Granville Hospital.

Hester Church Pastor Accepts Work in Vance

Rev. Paul C. Mattox to Become Pastor of West End Baptist Church in Henderson July 1

The Rev. Paul C. Mattox, pastor of Hester Baptist Church for eight years, resigned Sunday, subject to action of the Board of Deacons and the congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Mattox has accepted the pastorate of West End Baptist Church, Henderson, as successor to Rev. R. W. Jenkins, who has gone to other work. He plans to assume his new duties July 1.

The following was read to the congregation Sunday morning by Joe B. Badgett, chairman of the board, at the close of the morning worship:

To my cherished friends of Hester! Having all doubts erased, I am now sure God is calling me to another church. I therefore offer my resignation, subject to your approval, to be effective June 30. This date is suggested for two reasons. One, it will allow me to assist you in two important activities scheduled for June—our Vacation Bible School and our Revival meeting. Secondly, this date will bring to a close eight happy years as your pastor. I do not mean to say these years have been free from the normal distresses and disappointments. I do mean, however, that



REV. PAUL C. MATTOX

they have been weighted overwhelmingly on the side of happiness. With love for you that cannot be put in words, I commend you to our Heavenly Father. As He has led me to another church, it shall be my daily prayer that He will lead you to another pastor. Your devoted friend, Paul C. Mattox



BARBARA REID

Oxford Senior Is Jaycee Contestant

Barbara Reid Preparing Skit for Presentation on Night of May 27

Another Oxford girl, with a flair for the entertainment spotlight, has signed as a contestant in the selection of Miss Oxford on the evening of May 27.

She is Miss Barbara Jean Reid, a senior at Oxford High. She plans to present a skit in her talent appearance in the Jaycee entertainment scheduled for the high school auditorium.

The information sheet Miss Reid returned to Jaycees left several of the information spaces blank. She was aware that her dress size is nine, that she had blond hair and blue eyes, and that her favorite color is blue.

She hasn't decided whether she will prepare for a business career or spend her days working to make others more beautiful. Her favorite sport is basketball but her weight and measurements were not included on the sheet. Friends, however, says they are well proportioned.

James Pettiford Given Road Term in Morals Case

A 13-year-old Negro girl was sent to a state training school and a 20-year-old man of the same race to the road for 30 days as the aftermath of arrest of both by city police.

James Pettiford and his 13-year-old companion were charged with using a room for immoral purposes, juvenile Judge A. W. Graham, Jr., disposed of the female in the case and Mayor T. C. Jordan, Jr., sentenced Pettiford.

Officers N. E. White and H. T. Brame arrested the two in a Granville Street room.

The case is still under investigation. Miss Blanche Brooks is a patient at Granville Hospital.

Parking Get Attention Chamber Board

Chamber of Commerce directors, meeting here Thursday afternoon, authorized a survey among members to determine their interest in a possible effort to organize a United Fund for the area.

President Walter Hughes, Jr., presided over the meeting, held in the Chamber office over Hall's Drug Store.

Directors also designated Hughes, Maurice Peebles and Irvin Fox as a committee to work with tobacco interests in the development of a solution to the fall parking problem when the market is in operation.

Trade Promotion Chairman T. D. Martin told directors that the recent May Day event proved to be one of the most successful promotions held here within the period of his knowledge.

Awards Presented At Masonic Meet

Grand Master James W. Brewer, Grand Secretary Harris Here for Fete

Members of Oxford Masonic Lodge No. 122 entertained their ladies Thursday with dinner in the Masonic Temple social room.

The occasion was to bestow special recognition upon two 50-year members of the order and two 25-year members, and on hand for the event were top leaders of Masonry in North Carolina.

Grand Master James W. Brewer of Greenville, presented to Mrs. O. B. Breedlove a 50-year service pin which she in turn pinned upon the lapel of her husband. The other 50-year member, Sam Cohn of Baltimore, was not present.

Grand Secretary Charles A. Harris of Raleigh, presented a 25-year certificate to W. H. Pryor of this city and in absentia, a similar award to E. I. Langrall of Kinston, former J. C. Penney Company manager here.

Lodge Master L. E. Tuten presented the special guests and E. T. Regan was master of ceremonies. Godwin B. Noel was presented a plaque for outstanding work in the Lodge during the past year.

Grand Master Brewer addressed the gathering on the virtues of Masonry and the services it is rendering across the state and nation.

Jimmy L. Brogden Gets B-M Duties

Shirley G. Gabriel Given Promotion and Transfer to Raeford Plant

Jimmy L. Brogden has been named personnel manager of the Oxford Worsted Plant of Pacific Mills, a Division of Burlington Industries, according to Frank Blue, plant manager.

Brogden succeeds Shirley G. Gabriel, who transfers to the Raeford Worsted Plant in Raeford, another Pacific Mills unit, where he will become personnel manager.

A native of Bryson City, Brogden was graduated from Franklin High School and Western Carolina College. Prior to joining Burlington Industries in 1959, he served as teacher and coach in Hampton, Va.

Gabriel, a native of Lincoln County, is a graduate of Lincoln High School and Appalachian State Teachers College. He joined Burlington in 1959, after serving as teacher and coach at Appalachian and at Rock Hill, S. C.

School Personnel On Hand for 'Cue Supper'

More than 125 school faculty members, with husband or wife, district committeemen and county officials were present Thursday evening for the annual barbecue supper of county school personnel.

The informal affair was in the lunchroom of the Credle School. Barbecue, potato salad, slaw, pickles, coffee and drinks constituted the menu. The participants came from all areas of the county and afforded opportunity for fellowship and renewal of friendship.

C. G. Credle Injured

C. G. Credle was taken to Granville Hospital last Thursday after having sustained a fall at his home on Williamsboro Street. Mr. Credle received treatment for a fractured arm and also for a head injury sustained in the fall.

Mrs. Whitehurst Named by Alumni

Sidney Stovall Addresses Gathering of Former Students at Oak Hill

Mrs. Guy Whitehurst was on Saturday elected president of Oak Hill High School Alumni Association, and in that capacity she succeeds Mrs. Mable Eakes Elliott.

An alumni from Charlotte, Sidney Stovall of the class of 1932, now an insurance executive, addressed the group, setting out some of the changes that are taking place in the nation and the world and how those changes might affect the individual.

In addition to Mrs. Whitehurst, officers elected included E. P. Blackwell, vice president; Graham Wright, treasurer; and Mrs. Rubie Hart, secretary.

The program began with picnic supper at 5 and was concluded with the business meeting and program in the school auditorium. Students from the 10th and 11th grades of the school joined in the presentation of skits and group singing was supported by voices of the entire gathering.

Auto Hit, Fire Follows; Rural Firemen Active

Burning soot in a chimney and a burning automobile brought Granville Rural Firemen into action on two occasions during the week-end.

The initial call was at 11 p.m. Saturday to stand by as smoke and fire poured from a chimney at the residence of H. G. Averett in Providence Community. The danger passed when the chimney was fully burned out.

The second call was Sunday afternoon when a 1955 model Oldsmobile caught fire on Highway 15 south of Oxford after a collision. The Oldsmobile was owned by William E. Newton of Durham and involved in the collision was a 1963 model Chevrolet owned by Eugene Munn of Henderson.

Patrolman S. S. Bailey of Butler investigated the accident.

Available information was that Newton, headed south on U. S. 15, was about to make a left turn into the Tar River road on the east side of 15 when his car was struck in the rear by that owned by Munn. The gasoline tank on the Newton car was punctured and the fire started thereafter, resulting in heavy damage.

Newton went to Granville Hospital for a check up and was later released.

McCracken Oil Is Expanding Plant Capacity in City

McCracken Oil Company is making new installations at the Oxford bulk plant on Roxboro Road to increase storage capacity by about one-third.

Plant Manager R. T. Willford said two additional 25,000 gallon tanks have been set up and now are being equipped before they are placed in use for storage of fuel oil and kerosene.

The new installation, Willford said, will give the Oxford plant a total storage of 175,000 gallons of petroleum products. All the tanks are of upright design.

Womanless Wedding Slated at Oak Hill

The Oak Hill Community ball club will sponsor the presentation of a womanless wedding in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The casting committee has secured some of the better known characters of the area for the leading and supporting roles.

The costume committee is said to be coming up with some outfits figuratively "out of this world."

Joe Parrish Draws Road Term 6 Months

Convicted of possession of whiskey and possession for purpose of sale, Joe Parrish, 24, Negro, went to the roads the past week for a term of six months.

Parrish was arrested at his home on Granville Street after city police found a quantity of non-tax-paid whiskey on his premises. He took the six months in lieu of a fine of \$150 and costs.



MISS LILLIAN MCFARLAND will attend the Confederate Centennial Ball in Raleigh Saturday as the Belle of Granville Grays Chapter of UDC. Bill Hicks will be her escort.

Festival Events To Begin Friday

Many from Granville Planning to Participate in Program in Raleigh

Many from Granville will be on hand in Raleigh Friday and Saturday for the Confederate Festival commemorating North Carolina's entry into the Confederacy 100 years ago. Lovely Confederate Belles are to be featured, along with a mammoth Civil War-Armed Forces Day parade and other attractions.

The festival program will offer something of interest for everyone — from the youngest child who loves a parade to the oldest who enjoys browsing around historic exhibits.

Patrons have been invited to participate in all of the festival's activities at \$100 per couple. Individual tickets for the festival's two Civil War Era dramas and for a gala costume ball, which will be held at Reynolds Coliseum on the State College Campus, are available at Granville Library at single admission prices. The parade and demonstrations at the State Fairgrounds are free.

Funds raised during the mammoth event will be used to help finance the North Carolina Civil War Centennial Commission's four-year program. The program includes the production of educational aids, the publication of an accurate roster of North Carolinians who fought in the Civil War and to speed the restoration of the State's Civil War battle sites.

The Confederate Festival opens in Raleigh Friday afternoon at 4. See FESTIVAL Page 6

Spring Concert To Be Given Wedn'day

Glee Club of John Nichols School to Appear in York Rite Auditorium

The Glee Club of John Nichols High School will present its annual Spring Concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in York Rite Auditorium.

The program is entitled "Spring-time Varieties" and will be given in two parts, the first portion, being a musical comedy "Tennessee Tess." Featured in the leading roles are Carolyn Winbourne and Allen Hughes.

"Open Pages Bring Us Music" will be the theme of the second part, and included in this section will be music from various groups.

The public is invited, stated Principal T. B. Currin.

School Band Is To Present Concert

Student Musicians to Perform Thursday Night at 8:15 o'Clock

The 44-piece Oxford High Band will present its pre-commencement program at 8:15 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

The student musicians are under the direction of Frank McCulloch. The organization consists of 17 reeds, 20 brasses and seven percussion instruments.

Band awards, made annually for outstanding work in the organization, will be presented at intermission by George Currin, president of the Band Booster's Club.

Admission for the concert will be 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

School Development, Rising Costs Push Up Budget Estimate

June 1 Deadline In Grain Sign-Up

Average \$21.10 to Be Paid Per Acre for Reducing Corn Plantings

Corn and grain sorghum growers have until June 1 to sign up under the 1961 feed grain program, C. L. Jones, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, said Monday.

The program provides special payments to growers of the two crops who divert acreage this year from the production of corn or grain sorghum to a soil-conserving use. Up to half the total payment to be earned on a farm may be made in advance if the farmer requests it.

In Granville, the average county rates are \$21.10 per acre for reducing corn acreage a minimum of 20 percent below the farm base acreage and \$17.00 per acre for reducing grain sorghum acreage a like amount. Higher rates will apply for reducing corn and grain sorghum acreage from 20 to 40 percent below the base. Rates on a farm may be higher or lower than the county rates, depending on the farm's productivity in relation to the county average.

Some farmers have indicated an interest in the program but they have not yet followed through. Such producers are urged to get in touch with the County ASC Office as soon as possible, but no later than the June 1 deadline.

Students Schedule Pet Show Friday

Fourth Grade Pupils at Orphanage Invite Exhibits from Community

Youngsters of the community will have opportunity Friday afternoon to exhibit their pets in a show to be held at the Oxford Orphanage under sponsorship of the fourth grade of Nichols High School.

The show will take place between 2 and 3 p.m. in front of the school building, according to Miss Elsie Parrish, faculty advisor for the project.

There will be prizes for healthiest and best acting pets entered by students in grades one through six. Miss Annie Gray Burroughs will judge the booklets to be presented in connection with the show. Robert Davis and E. T. Regan will judge the entries on showmanship and fitting.

Allen Colenda will choose the best snapshot of pets exhibited by students grades seven through 12.

Owners entering dogs are advised that none may be entered except those on leash.

Entries should be made by contact with Miss Parrish prior to the show.

One Pleads Guilty, Two Ask Jury Trial

In Recorder's Court here Tuesday, Dallas J. Dickey, 37, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of issuing a worthless check.

He was sentenced by Judge W. Z. Mitchell, Jr., to a term of 60 days, suspended upon payment of costs and \$65 to the use of Allen T. Freeman.

Two other defendants, Richard Gayle Caudie, Jr., 25, white of Virginia, Va., and Marvin Fontainally, Route 3, Virginia, Va., both charged with reckless driving, made written requests for trial by jury. Each of the cases was continued to the June 27 term of Recorder's Court.

Wilton Grange, PTA To Be Picnic Hosts

The Grange and Parent-Teacher Association of Wilton will be host for a picnic supper at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Community Building honoring members of the school's boys' and girls' basketball team. Members of both teams are invited to attend as guests. Members of the PTA and Grange are looking forward to the event and leaders said a large attendance is expected.

Bond Financing, Building Costs Among Proposals

Revaluation of Property Not to Be Reflected in Taxable Values for Fiscal 1961-62, Auditor Says

A budget estimate totaling \$1,304,300.32 for fiscal 1961-62 has been drawn by County Auditor I. W. Bullock on a basis of estimates filed with his office by heads of various county departments and agencies.

The estimate provides increases in school funds of around \$281,000 and also includes a reserve of \$19,500 to meet present and future building needs of the county and continues for another year a revaluation reserve of \$20,000.

The budget estimate reflects requests for hikes in nearly every phase of county activities.

The current school building program, all of which is nearing contract stage, providing for buildings for Mary Potter, a consolidated Oxford High and merger of three high schools in Southern Granville into a new building planned for Creedmoor, all requested by property-owners of the county, account for the larger portion of the total increase.

Needed for capital outlay is \$239,000 or \$122,700 more than budgeted the past year; \$216,303 for current expense or \$25,384 more than for the current year; and \$128,150 for school debt service, an increase of \$103,150 over the \$25,000 budget for this year.

Bullock explained that the revaluation of property now underway in Granville will not be effective for the 1961-62 fiscal year. County authorities expect, however, that the work will be completed and that the valuation records will be available for 1962-63 tax estimates. The county cannot escape, Bullock explained, the rise in the economy which pushes upward every operating expense, whether in the public office, on the farm, or in the factory.

Goerch to Speak At Wilton June 1

Music Students to Present Recital in School Auditorium on May 19

June 1 is graduation night for seniors of Wilton High, according to Principal R. E. Strother, who has announced preliminary plans for the school closing exercises.

The initial event will be the annual recital by pupils of Miss Daisy Martin Breedlove on May 19. The 8 p.m. program will have as its theme "Our Repertoire."

The Rev. Stuart I. McRae, pastor of Banks Methodist Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on May 28 at 11 a.m. Carl Goerch, former editor of State magazine, Raleigh, will make the commencement address on June 1 at 8 p.m.

Youth Sunday Marked With Special Service

Youth Sunday was observed at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at the morning worship hour Sunday. Young people of the church constituted the choir and also conducted the worship service, with Arch Hicks giving the sermon.

Other assisting in the service were James Horner, Paul Duffy, Richard Hall, Jim Floyd, Frank Freeze, Henry Hall, Jr., William Tarry, Robert Hill, Jim Powell, Fred Forsythe and Harry Williams. Miss Emily Adcock, guest soloist, rendered the offertory.

Gibbs Concern Gets Johnston Contract

An Oxford construction firm yesterday began moving machines and equipment to Johnston County for work on a contract there awarded the past week by the North Carolina Highway Commission.

Gibbs Construction Company was awarded a state contract in the amount of \$36,000 for a bridge and culvert job.