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Completion New 15 Foot Alley Affords Traffic Relief

Project Aimed Relieve Traffic In Business Section

OPEN IN 2 WEEKS

Eliminates Necessity of Trucks Stopping In Front of Stores

A fifteen-foot alley connecting Market and Grubb Streets, to intersect Market Street between the Hertford Clinic and the Stokes Building, and to meet the intersection of Punch Alley on Grubb Street, will be open to traffic in about two weeks.

The project, devised chiefly to relieve traffic congestion on Hertford's main business thoroughfare, Church Street, will be open to traffic in about two weeks, according to Mayor Silas M. Whedbee.

The town has already accomplished a great deal by draining the area with ditches recently cut, and a force is engaged in the work of filling in where it is necessary. Frame buildings will have to be moved in order to open up the road-way and other improvements made.

When this alley is opened it will be a convenient stopping place for trucks serving stores on the west side of Church Street and will eliminate the necessity of trucks stopping in front of the stores, which now causes much traffic congestion.

It will also be very convenient for the new postoffice to be opened in the old Carolina Bank Building next summer.

Church Street is a link in the Coastal Highway and there is always a great deal of foreign traffic, with sometimes as many as a hundred foreign cars passing through in an hour, so that it is particularly urgent that the traffic lane be kept open at all times. Keeping it open has been a problem with trucks and buses stopping between two lines of parked cars.

Masonic Meeting Is Highly Praised

Charles M. Griggs Compliments Local Lodge On Recent Affair

Perquimans Lodge No. 106 of Masons received the following acknowledgment this week from Charles M. Griggs, Master of Eureka Lodge No. 317 of Elizabeth City:

"It is a human characteristic for individuals and organizations to enjoy reciprocal, social and fraternal intercourse.

"But it too frequently happens that the individual, if not the organization, forgets, or is dilatory in expressing pleasure to his host.

"Therefore, I am writing to express to Perquimans Lodge as a whole, and all others who contributed to the success of the first Masonic District meeting last Tuesday night, now.

"I just want you to know that in my opinion this was an outstanding success, splendidly conducted, not too long drawn out, nor did it become tiresome in any particular. Concluded with a splendid supper at which there was not too much speaking to make your guests fidgety.

"In fine, I personally consider this a particularly outstanding meeting and I want you brethren to know it.

"Reassuring you of my highest regard and every good wish, and thanking you for a most pleasant evening, I am,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
CHARLES M. GRIGGS, P. M.
Eureka Lodge No. 317."

Revival In Progress At Methodist Church

A very cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the revival services now in progress at the Hertford Methodist Church.

Rev. E. E. Eganhard, president of Lenoir College, arrived on Wednesday and preached his first sermon on Wednesday night. Mr. Eganhard is preaching at each of the evening services, which are held at 7:30 o'clock. Open air services are being held at 9:30 o'clock, the first being held Thursday morning. The public is invited to have an opportunity of enjoying the river.

County Turns In Big Vote Saturday For Cotton Control

The county voted overwhelmingly in favor of crop control in Saturday's two-crop referendum.

Perquimans County's vote was 894 for and 22 against. In Perquimans there was only one farmer eligible to vote for or against tobacco control. H. G. Wilder, of Belvidere Township, who had grown the only tobacco grown in Perquimans last year, cast his vote for control.

The voting in the six precincts was as follows: Nicanor, 92 for and 2 against; Belvidere, 98 for and 3 against; Parkville, 207 for and 2 against; Hertford, 178 for and 5 against; Bethel, 110 for and 5 against; New Hope, 209 for and 5 against.

High School Closes Earlier This Year, Last Day May 4th

Senior Play Presented On Wednesday Night

50 IN CLASS

Junior Banquet Upper Classmen Thursday Evening

The Perquimans High School will close earlier this year than has occurred in any previous year of its history, and all the other white schools of the county will close at the same time, on May 4.

The first of the commencement exercises of the high school was held on Wednesday night of this week, when the Senior play was given.

Next on the program will be the junior-senior banquet, which will be held on Thursday night, March 24, when the junior class will entertain the senior class at a colorful affair which is the high light of the year from the standpoint of the juniors.

On May 1, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached, with the class day exercises being held on Tuesday following, and on Wednesday, May 4, the graduation exercises will be held.

No announcement has been made by County Superintendent F. T. Johnson as to who will make the address to the graduating class this year, which numbers about 50.

Weather conditions have been so favorable this winter that the school buses have had little trouble in traveling the dirt roads which in other years have caused so much trouble. Though measles has kept many children from school at various times, no time has been lost by the school as a whole.

The closing of school was delayed last year because of the necessity of closing the schools when roads became impassable during the winter months, and the High School closed on May 21.

Tim Rufus Brinn Named Life Guard

Tim Rufus Brinn was appointed life guard at the Bathing Beach for next summer at the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night. The young man, who is a student at Duke University, held the job last summer and his services were very satisfactory. His was the only application on file.

New Park

A breakwater, to be constructed even with the breakwater on the property of H. C. Stokes, will be built by the Town at the foot of Punch Alley, and the area will be drained and filled in and furnished with benches and made attractive to those who wish to see and enjoy the view of the river.

There was some suggestion that each of the other streets of the town which lead to the river, Front Street and Grubb Street, should eventually be put into shape for the public to have an opportunity of enjoying the river.

Soft Ball Scheduled To Get Off To Early Start This Summer

Game on Sunday Afternoon Between Two Local Groups

GAME POPULAR

Enough Teams Expected to Organize Local League

By LUCIUS BLANCHARD

Hertford's newest summer pastime is scheduled to get underway with full steam ahead when the Bill and Viv-Hertford Hardware softball aggregation collides with the State Theatre Aces on the city recreation lot Sunday afternoon.

Softball was first introduced to Hertford last summer when the city council graciously equipped the parking lot with a battery of floodlights. The pastime proved so popular that this season—before activities even started—two local clubs had already been formed. The winners in Sunday's game will probably tangle on the same afternoon with Dillman's Winfall Sluggers, who performed last summer with sensational success against a Hertford all-star organization.

Rumor has it that the Masonic Order will put a team in play and if the high school comes through with a club, softball interest will no doubt hit a new local high this season.

The State Theatre boys, Winfall, the Bill and Viv-Hertford Hardware clan, the high school lads and the Masonic Lodge should be able to form an exciting Big Five Softball Circle.

To date Bill and Viv's has signed R. S. Monds, Jack Brinn, Vivian Mathews, Hazel Mathews, Crafton Mathews, Corbin Dozier, Bob Bates, Louis Nachman, Jim Newby, Fred Chalk and Hollowell Nixon, while the State Theatre has secured the services of Littleton Gibbs, Feet Owens, Grady Spivey, Ebbie Weeks, Nehi Byrum, Bill Divers, Gene Perry, Alec Wheeler, Beverly Blanchard, Whitey White, Sidney Blanchard, Ashley Fleetwood and Lucius Blanchard. Both clubs are looking for new material daily.

Word from Winfall has it that the same boys who made things interesting in soft ball circles last year, will probably enter the fray in almost the same batting order again this summer.

A group of local girls were recently bitten by the baseball bug and enlisted Louis Nachman to coach them in the rudiments of the softball game. If they take form readily Coach Nachman, as manager, plans to match the lassies with other Albatraz clubs during the summer.

Among those having voiced ambitions to pit their strength and skill against the section's fairest are: Bernice White, Grace Knowles, Edith Everett, Blanche Everett, Jeanne White, Ruth Nachman, Virginia White, Helene Nixon, Hazel Mayes, Hilda Knowles and Ruth Nowell.

Thos. J. Long Dies At Home In Bethel

Funeral Held In Bethel Church on Friday Afternoon

Thomas J. Long, 74, died at his home in the Bethel Community of the county on Wednesday night, following 3 years' illness.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Bethel Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Long was a native of Perquimans and a prominent citizen. He was for several years a member of the Board of County Commissioners and took an active interest in county affairs.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. J. M. Fleetwood and Mrs. Mary L. Hayman, both of Bethel; and two sons, J. H. Long and T. A. Long, both of Washington, D. C.

Carl Britt Is Voted Best Dressed Student

Carl Britt, who is a student at the Spartanburg Textile Institute, at Spartanburg, S. C., was recently voted the best dressed student on the campus and received the next highest vote for the best looking student.

Oil Men Advocating Use State Tax Money For Highways Only

Group Holds Meeting In Dining Room at Hotel

24 GUESTS

Diversion Cited Unjust And Very Dangerous Policy

Use of the state income from automotive taxes exclusively for highway financing, the purpose for which these levies were imposed, and the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment to accomplish that, was advocated Tuesday by J. E. Winslow, Chairman of the Perquimans County Petroleum Industries Committee, upon his election as chairman at a meeting held in the dining room of the Hotel Hertford following a luncheon at which there were 24 guests, including gas and oil distributors, service station men, automobile dealers and others.

"Diversion of automotive tax income to purposes unrelated to the highways is one of the most unjust and dangerous financial policies a state could adopt," declared Chairman Winslow. "It is unjust to the motorist taxpayers because it means spending for something else the tax money that has been paid for roads. It is dangerous because it means neglect of roads, with resulting increase in highway accidents, deaths and injuries.

Officers of the county organization are as follows:

J. E. Winslow, chairman; L. N. Hollowell, vice chairman.

Legislative Committee: J. H. Towe, chairman, and Fred Winslow.

Local Affairs Committee: Vivian Mathews, chairman, and E. A. Goodman.

Public Relations Committee: D. F. Reed, chairman, and George Jackson.

S. Gilmer Sparger, of Raleigh secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, assisted the local men and addressed the meeting. Other speakers were: Jno. E. Dozier, of Raleigh; J. H. Conger, of Edenton; S. P. Smith, of Elizabeth City; J. E. Winslow, J. H. Towe, D. F. Reed, L. N. Hollowell, and J. T. Benton, of Hertford.

The four points in the ratified program follow:

1. To insist that all gasoline and motor vehicle tax revenues be used for highway purposes only and to urge the adoption of an amendment to the constitution for accomplishment of that end.

2. To render assistance to state and federal authorities in detection and elimination of gasoline tax evasion.

3. To work toward the abolition of the federal gasoline and lubricating oil taxes.

4. To oppose all tax and other proposals inimical to the petroleum industry and its motorists customers.

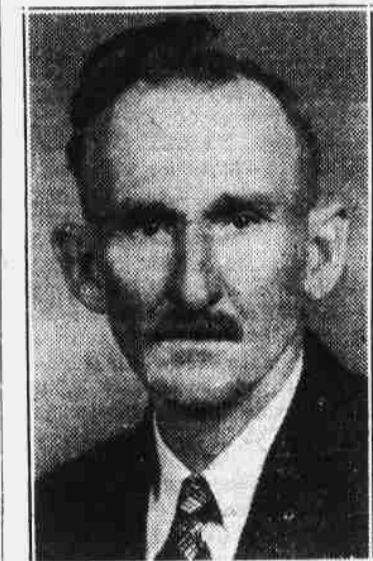
Mr. Sparger stated: "The rapid growth in the cost of special additional taxes paid by motor vehicle owners and other consumers of gasoline, and the rising cost of taxation imposed upon the activities and products of the petroleum industry itself, have forced oil men throughout the country to organize for the protection of their customers and themselves. Their activity represents no attempt to dodge fair and reasonable taxation, but it is a nationwide movement for tax justice, economical government, and effective administration of public revenue. North Carolina oil men, forming Petroleum Industries Committees for every county, are prepared to work with other organizations of taxpayers which believe that a sound financial policy is essential for the continued development and progress of the highway system of our state." Adoption of an Amendment to the State Constitution "positively and permanently" prohibiting the use of all special motorist taxes for any purpose other than the construction and maintenance of highways and the retirement of bonds issued for the construction of same was advocated.

Mr. Sparger also said that an increasing proportion of the State's revenues from special additional taxes paid for highway financing is being diverted to other purposes, and warned that if this practice continues, the state soon will have no money whatever for roads and will be asking motor vehicle owners and operators to pay higher taxes.

Those attending the luncheon included Chairman J. E. Winslow, of (Continued on Page Five)

Weighty Matters Confront Town Criers Next Meeting

HAT IN RING



J. T. Benton, Perquimans County's Representative in the last General Assembly, who has announced his candidacy for reelection.

Plans Outlined For Local Observance Better Homes Week

Goal to Make Perquimans Cleanest County In State

MANY IDEAS

All Organizations Lend Support to Campaign April 24-30

Keeping step with the nation-wide movement, Perquimans County is falling in line in preparation for the observance of National Better Homes Week, which is to be observed in this county as "Clean-Up Week," the week of April 24-30.

Miss Gladys Hamrick, home demonstration agent, who was appointed county chairman of the movement, is enthusiastic about the plans, which were discussed on Friday night at the meeting held at the Agricultural Building when Mayor Silas Whedbee, Mrs. J. G. Roberson, president of the Hertford Woman's Club; W. H. Harcastle and A. W. Hefren, of the Town Council; G. C. Buck, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Perquimans High School; the home beautification leaders of the various home demonstration clubs of the county, and others, were present.

The meeting was called by Miss Hamrick and Mrs. Roberson, acting jointly, and was presided over by Miss Hamrick, who, after stating the purpose of the meeting and outlining briefly her plan to enlist the cooperation of every interested citizen as well as the head of every organization in the county, to make Perquimans County the cleanest county in the State, called on various persons present for expressions of ideas.

And ideas there were, with suggestions which ranged from cleaning the hideous signs from the highways and cleaning up unsightly piles of tin cans and other debris from about service stations, to planting shrubs and flowers along the highways.

Mayor Whedbee stated that the town would cooperate in every possible way and to the fullest extent, with the job of cleaning up the town, and promised to see that all trash collected would be promptly hauled away at the time desired.

Mrs. J. G. Roberson, speaking for (Continued on Page Five)

Cop Wanted

The State Highway & Public Works Commission will be petitioned for a highway patrolman to be stationed at Hertford.

The petition, which originated in the Town Council, and in which the Board of County Commissioners are joining, will be presented in person to the Highway Commission by a number of representative citizens of the town and county, headed by Mayor Silas M. Whedbee.

Fire Hazard at Grammar School Claim Attention

MEET MARCH 25

Formation of Municipal Planning Board Also On List

At the next quarterly meeting of the Town Criers, that organization formed last fall for the avowed purpose of making Hertford a better place in which to live, which will be held on Friday night of next week, there will be presented some matters vitally important to Hertford.

The first and most urgent matter to be taken up is that of the fire hazard at the Hertford Grammar School.

The second will be a report from the Sports and Recreation Committee, consisting of A. W. Hefren, A. L. Skinner, Jack Brinn, and Dr. J. W. Zachery, which should develop something interesting in connection with various branches of sports.

The third matter will be the report of a committee, consisting of J. G. Roberson, Dr. C. A. Davenport and B. C. Berry, appointed by the directors for the purpose of the formation of a municipal planning board.

All of these matters were gone into at length on Thursday night of last week, at the meeting of the directors.

With reference to the fire hazard at the Grammar School, which has been the subject of discussion for some months, Silas M. Whedbee, who had been appointed a committee of one to make an investigation of conditions, made a report. Mr. Whedbee stated that there was an asbestos covering over the boiler and that he found the floors of the furnace room were kept free of paper and trash. He also reported that the outer doors of the building opened outside, and that in a fire drill held it took only a little over two minutes to get the children out of the building, with the exception of those of one room.

The matter of no fire escapes, with particular reference to the auditorium, which is on the second floor, was discussed. There was also some discussion of securing a special official inspector to look the situation over. Dr. J. W. Zachary, who has a little girl in the school, and who has made considerable investigation on his own responsibility, stated emphatically that, no matter who were to tell him that the building is safe, he would not believe them.

Dr. Zachary and Mayor Whedbee were appointed a committee to cooperate with the Parent-Teacher Association with a view to making the school building as safe as possible, and were instructed to report to the Town Criers what progress they make.

County Council Of P. T. A. Organized

Mrs. M. T. Griffin Elected President of New Group

Mrs. I. A. Ward, chairman of District Nine of the Parent-Teacher Association, organized a County Council of the Parent-Teacher Associations of Perquimans on Monday evening, with the following officers being elected: Mrs. M. T. Griffin, president; Mrs. Steve Perry, vice-president; T. C. Perry, secretary, and Clinton A. Perry, treasurer.

The County Council is formed from officers and members of the various county units, the objectives of the organization being that ideas for better work and information which may be helpful may be passed on in order to spread to other units of the organization.

Only two meetings of the County Council will be held annually, the first meeting to be held in April of this year, when it is hoped there will be an interesting speaker to address the large audience expected.

D. S. Darden Enjoying Sunshine In Florida

The latest news from D. S. Darden, prominent Hertford merchant who is spending sometime in Florida in the interest of his health, indicates that he is steadily improving. Mr. Darden, who is staying near Clearwater, is enjoying fishing and baseball games.