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Hertford Astir Over Bridge Opening

Many In Perquimans Sign Petition Seeking Election To Establish Liquor Store

Matter Will Be Presented at Next Commissioners' Meeting

KEEN INTEREST

County Losing Much Revenue Is Argument Advanced

Hundreds of Perquimans County citizens have been signing petitions which will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the September meeting requesting them to request the Board of Elections to call a special election for a county vote on whether or not Perquimans County shall have legal liquor.

This is not the first time the question of legal liquor stores for the county has been brought up—but it is the first time the forces favoring the establishment of such stores have gone so far in their efforts to carry through the plan as to circulate petitions.

The petitioning is being carried on in no sign-and-run manner. Those championing the cause of legal liquor for "Dry Perquimans" are taking

pains to explain to the uninformed the advantages of a county controlled liquor store, similar to the ones in Chowan and Pasquotank.

Whether the Commissioners as a body now favor the establishment of such a store is a matter of guesswork, but it is known that several of the members of the county's controlling body do favor such a step. The forces favoring county ABC stores are bringing pressure to bear in the petitioning as they point out that a large amount of the money turned over to the stores and their counties of Chowan and Pasquotank in a large measure represents money spent for legal liquor by citizens of this county who had to visit a neighbor ABC store to make their purchases.

As the State took under control all solvent credits for taxation purposes, the county found itself \$255,000 short in taxable valuation. The Commissioners, in setting the budget for the fiscal year, were hard pressed to keep the tax rate at the old level after this loss. But through cutting corners and paring every expenditure they managed to do so.

As every citizen should realize, the governing body saw that other

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Traveler's Cheque Bounces Back On J. Glenn Roberson

Local Druggist Out \$20 By Cashing Bogus Paper

A racket, new in Hertford, was worked so far with successful results on J. G. Roberson last week when a personable appearing young man asked one of the store's clerks to cash a traveler's cheque for him.

The store obliged and "D. R. Bennett" was handed the currency for a twenty-dollar traveler's cheque on the "Continental National Bank of Philadelphia." Mr. Bennett left town shortly after and has not been heard from since the transaction. But the cheque has been heard from—in fact it came back. Probably not because Mr. Bennett hadn't sufficient funds, but because there is no such bank in Philadelphia, and the worthy looking slip of paper was a phony, as no doubt was Mr. Bennett.

The now mysterious "Mr. Bennett" had other traveler's cheques in his possession at the time and probably went on from here to unload another batch somewhere else. Mr. Roberson has turned the matter over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Week-end Here

Miss Pat Edwards, who is spending some time at Nags Head, spent the week-end here.

Many Plan To Attend Celebration By Boats

Hertford People Taking Precautions To Avoid Traffic Jam

Barring rain storms and unpleasant weather conditions, several of the large boat owners in this river and boat conscious community are planning to avoid the shore crowds and attend the bridge dedication celebration by way of the river-sound route.

The distance from Hertford to the bridge site is not definitely implanted in any boat owner's mind, but it is well understood that the stretch of sound water from the mouth of the Perquimans River to the bridge is something less than 20 miles, probably not more than 15.

The boats planning to make the trip are not slow ones and leaving Hertford with three hours leeway, should make the celebration site in plenty of time for the actual dedication.

Tying up or costing anchor at the south end, the voyagers will be right on hand for the activities without becoming involved in the traffic that must necessarily be there. The celebration ends not too late in the afternoon for the cruisers and runabouts to make the return journey before dark.

Returns Home

Henry Stokes has returned home after visiting friends at New Bern and Carolina Beach.

Citizens See Big Future In Travel Over New Bridge As Dedicated This Week

Perquimans Plays Important Part In Joyful Show

NEW FACES SEEN

County Seat Feels Surge Of Activity Already; Expects More

Editor's Note — Due to the Albemarle Sound bridge celebration occurring before the date of publication of *The Perquimans Weekly*, this week's issue appears one day earlier.

Already Hertford feels the surge of new activity, new life, new contacts—as the Albemarle Sound bridge is dedicated today (Thursday) amidst lavish celebration in which all communities north and south of the sound are taking joyful parts.

Edenton acts as the hub of the dedicatory celebration, with everybody and everything scheduled to assemble there at 10 o'clock for the beginning of Eastern Carolina's biggest event.

Edenton gives the send-off, but the

actual celebration takes place in the pine grove east of the south shore terminal of the mammoth span. As Chief Marshal C. E. Kramer gets his parade caravan into action, guiding it down the Yeopim road and onto the bridge, historic pageantry and martial music will hold sway.

Perquimans County's official float, historical in theme, is tentatively placed either sixth or seventh in the line of vehicles, preceded by busses carrying the official party, band wagons, and the float of "Queen of the Albemarle."

Those travelling through Hertford to reach the scene of celebration will pass along streets proudly bordered with American banners. The bridge itself has been made attractive with flags and bunting as has the center stand for the speakers and 250 invited guests.

When the parade reaches the bridge there will be a brief pause of the official participants while a gaily decorated gate will swing as a mock barrier in the center of the span. Seven little boys and girls—fourteen in all—including little Annette Cannon and Reginald Tucker as Perquimans County's representatives, will speak a few words of youthful dedication

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Hertford . . . The Picture Town on the Perquimans



1—Looking north along the Church Street business section on Sunday morning. 2—The Perquimans County High School on United States Highway 17 just outside the city limits—erected in 1924. 3—A view of the Market Street business section looking west. 4—An Church Street approaching the Perquimans River bridge—Dr. I. A. Ward's residence on the right. 5—The white columns of the R. E. Brinn home on Front Street dominate this view of one of the loveliest residential sections. 6—Another scene on Front Street—looking south. The homes of T. W. Wilson and Mrs. Iga Tucker on the left. 7—Looking to the east across the river—Crow Point in the distance. 8—The J. W. Sweeney's pier and summer home in the foreground. 9—The Perquimans River State Highway bridge on U. S. 17, framed in white clouds and weeping