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COMMISSIONERS TURN THUMBS DOWN ON WINFALL ELIMINATION HIGHWAY PROJECT

Register Protest With State Highway; Ask That U. S. 17 Be Left Where It Is; Motoring Public Best Served By Widening Curves

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session Monday registered disapproval of the proposed change in U. S. Highway 17, which would have tended to wipe Winfall off the highway maps.

More than disapproving, the Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution of protest against the change.

Winfall has long been protesting the proposed change in U. S. 17, even to the point of circulating a petition, but this is the first official action taken against the move.

Here is the resolution:

"On motion ordered that the County Commissioners of Perquimans County register its protest with the State Highway and Public Works Commission against the building of project 1783 U. S. Route 17, as posted at the courthouse door of Perquimans County on January 16, 1940, and respectfully request said State Highway and Public Works Commission to straighten the curves and widen the present highway running from Hertford through the village of Winfall, and to let the route U. S. 17 run as now laid, after being straightened as to curves and widened.

"In the judgement of the Board of Commissioners of Perquimans County such action on the part of the said Highway Commission will best serve the interests of Perquimans County, and the traveling public's safety and comfort will be better promoted than by building the proposed project 1783.

"This resolution is made and adopted with the spirit of full cooperation by the Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County with the State Highway and Public Works Commission, and it wishes to emphasize it desire to cooperate, and this protest is filed in the spirit and because the Board of Commissioners are of the opinion that such action as is hereby asked will carry out the best interests of the county and the traveling public.

"It is further resolved that the State Highway and Public Works Commission be requested to send a representative to Winfall and show to the several property owners whose land it will require to straighten curves, just where on the ground the right-of-way will be so that steps can be taken to comply with the required change of curves."

Is Said That Some Objections Center Hill Road Removed

Rumored That Contract Is to Be Let This Month For All Weather Turnpike

Though work has not begun on the Hertford-Center Hill Road, The Perquimans Weekly has it on good authority that many complications that developed in getting the right-of-way have been removed.

This authority has it reliably that many of those along the proposed route of the new road who at first objected to turning over their lands for the purpose have been brought around to the other side of the issue and have agreed to sell.

No names were mentioned in this connection, but "the State would not have paid off some of the landowners unless it is certain that all landowners involved were agreeable to the project," the source of information said.

The Perquimans Weekly has not been able to learn when the work of giving Hertford and Center Hill an all-weather highway is to begin, but it would appear that with these obstacles removed preliminary work should start soon.

It is rumored, though The Perquimans Weekly has no official notice, that the contract is to be let this month.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lane are requesting congratulations on the birth of a son, Roy Lane, Jr., born Thursday, February 1, 1940.

Schools Closed Until Monday; Bad Roads

Due to bad road conditions in the county resulting from inclement weather, all county schools will remain closed until Monday, according to an announcement by Superintendent F. T. Johnson.

A downfall of rain Wednesday, added to the thaw of late last week, has rendered some of the county's roads highly dangerous and others all but impassable.

Bottle Of Patent Medicine Blamed For Drunk Charge

Charged Also With Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest Due to "Roaring In Head"

"He balled up his fists like he was going to make a pass at me so I tapped him," Officer Robert A. White was testifying against John Ed Felton, Negro, in Recorder's Court on Tuesday and showing why John Ed was charged with resisting arrest as well as with being drunk and disorderly.

According to the officer and several other of the State's witnesses, John Ed was indeed disorderly. John Ed was using a public street in lieu of a rest station and any number of people saw him. He blamed the whole thing on a bottle of a popular patent medicine and a "roaring in the head," but Judge Granberry Tucker found him guilty on all counts as charged.

And then, as always, in deciding on judgement, the Recorder asked the defendant about his court record . . .

And then, as usual, the defendant couldn't remember that he had ever been in court before . . .

And then, as usual, Prosecutor Charles Johnson began thumping through the Big Red Record Book . . .

And then, as nearly always happens, the defendant just happened to remember that he had been in court once, or maybe twice before.

They nearly always remember their records before Prosecutor Johnson finds it in black and white in the Big Red Book.

So Judge Tucker gave John Ed 60 days on the roads and ordered the sentence suspended upon payment of the costs of court.

Sergeant G. I. Dail of the State Highway Patrol, hauled in Andrew Branch, James Brown and A. C. Moore on improper license charges. Each was found guilty and ordered to pay the costs of court whereupon prayer for judgement was continued.

George Bunch pleading not guilty to a charge of larceny, was found guilty and prayer for judgement was continued upon payment of the costs of court and upon condition of his good behavior for one year.

Clarence Burnette, Negro, was found guilty also of larceny and sentenced to serve 60 days on the roads.

Arthur Ormond, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault. Judgement was continued upon payment of half the costs of court and upon condition of good behavior for two years.

The cases of Herman Monds, white, and Milton Parry, Negro, charged respectively with assault and with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, were continued until the next term of County Court.

To Take Crop And Feed Loan Applications

Applications for 1940 Emergency Crop and Feed Loans for Perquimans County will be taken at the Agricultural Building in Hertford each Thursday, Friday and Saturday until further notice. The hours are from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 p. m. until 4:30 p. m., according to a statement from the Agricultural Building.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held on Monday evening, February 12th, at 7:30 o'clock. After the meeting the husbands of members of the Order are invited to join their wives for the social hour.

Masons Honor Members Having 25-Year Record

Presentation of Certificates Made at Meeting Held Wednesday Night

A rather outstanding Masonic meeting was held Wednesday night in the hall of Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., when certificates were presented to members of the lodge who have maintained their membership for 25 years or longer. The affair marked the first time that due recognition has been made of long years of service for some who have not had the opportunity of holding permanent office, but have proved their interest in Masonic principles by keeping in good standing over a quarter of a century or more.

The certificates were presented by no less a personage than the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina himself, J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, and with each certificate he delivered a brief but very impressive address of appreciation for the honor it was his privilege to perform.

It was a double occasion for joy for W. F. C. Edwards, who aside from being a Mason for 49 years, was celebrating his birthday anniversary. Together with Mr. Edwards the following were awarded these outstanding service certificates: J. S. McNider, Simon Rutenberg, J. G. Roberson, J. C. Buck and P. L. Stephens. Others who were eligible for the award, having received the degrees in the Perquimans Lodge, but have moved away were: W. G. Underwood, Jacksonville, Fla.; H. R. Mark, New York City; E. W. Joyner, Wilson, N. C.; H. S. Walker, Portsmouth, Va.

Aside from the grand master, R. M. Wynne, deputy grand master of the First District, was present, as well as Claude Tarkenton, State correspondent, of Elizabeth City.

The meeting was one of the most outstanding held by the local lodge in a number of years and followed a banquet held in Hotel Hertford.

Methodists Hosts To Elizabeth City District Meeting

Large Attendance on Hand at Annual Meet In Spite of Rain All Day

In spite of rain that set in before noon and continued through the greater part of the day a large attendance from the Elizabeth City district was present at the annual Methodist Advance meeting here on Wednesday as the Hertford Methodists were hosts to the district.

An attendance of about 200 was expected but inclement weather cut down the figure of the all-day meeting where lunch was served by ladies of the church.

Dr. F. S. Love, of Burlington, and Dr. J. M. Ormond of Duke University, spoke at the morning session, and the Rev. R. W. Bradshaw, of Durham, spoke at the evening session, a meeting of the young people of the district.

The Rev. B. S. Slaughter of Elizabeth City, district superintendent, presided over the meeting which convened at ten o'clock. The Rev. R. F. Munns is pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Women of the district met in the afternoon to elect delegates to the Provisional Woman's Missionary Conference of North Carolina.

The Methodist youths heard Dr. Bradshaw on "Youth and the United Church." In response to his address, Archie Shannhouse, of Elizabeth City, president of the Albemarle Young People's Union, spoke on "Methodist Youth Ready to Advance."

The Rev. O. L. Hardwick, of Plymouth, director of Young People's Work in this district, presided and outlined the year's work.

FRIDAY FOR WORLD PRAYER

The Methodist Church bell will toll at 12 noon today (Friday) as a signal for all citizens of Hertford to join in a prayer for world peace, the day having been set aside as a day for prayer for world peace.

Thomas Long Death Recalls Hertford In The 1800's

Founder of Long Studio Was Born In House Where Hertford Bank Now Stands

Thomas Gracchus Long, aged 84, well-known photographer and a resident of Norfolk, Va., for the past 25 years, died last Saturday morning at nine o'clock at a Norfolk hospital.

Mr. Long was the son of the late Thomas B. and Mrs. Elizabeth Barbee Long, and was a native of Hertford. He established the Long Studios in Norfolk in 1916.

He was born in Hertford in 1855 in a house where the Hertford Banking Company now stands. He lived in Hertford through most of his youth; once operated a grocery store, bakery and hotel here and later farmed at the old Pender Place near Burgess.

Mr. Long married Penelope Hurdle and they once lived in what is now part of the Hotel Hertford. They had three children; Earl and Ernest, now photographers operating studios in Norfolk, and a daughter, Mrs. Herbert Ward, who lives near Winfall.

It was back in the tin type days that Mr. Long first took up photography here in Hertford. Later, after moving to Washington, N. C., and operating a photographic studio there for several years, he moved to Norfolk and established the Long studios in 1916.

He was active in the business until about three years ago, when, after a heart attack, his health began to fail.

Besides the three children mentioned above, he is survived by two children by his second wife, Robert Long and Frances Sandless, both of San Francisco, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at the Chapel of the H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments in Norfolk, with the Rev. P. Rowland Wagner, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was made in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk.

All Clubs Register 100 Pct. At First Council Meeting

Mrs. J. B. Basnight Elected Vice President; Awards Made In Mail Box Contest

The first quarterly meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs was held in the Agricultural Building on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Eunice Winslow, Ex-Council president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. M. Fleetwood.

The Council is composed of county officers and the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer from each club.

All twelve Home Demonstration Clubs were represented with the following clubs attending 100%: Chapin, Home and Garden, Ballahack, Whiteston, Beech Spring, Helen Gaither and Bethel.

During the business session the date of the County Council was changed from the first Monday in February, April, July and October to the fourth Saturday. This change was made because of a conflict with another meeting.

Mrs. J. B. Basnight was elected vice president to succeed Mrs. Ashby Jordan, who has moved away.

Helen Gaither Club had charge of the program. Mrs. C. P. Morris gave a biography of Mrs. Roosevelt which was most interesting.

Mrs. P. P. Gregory, 16th District president, of Shawboro, gave a most interesting talk on Home Beautification, emphasizing Road Beautification. She urged each member to cut her own roadside, fix up broken fences, improve mail boxes, etc.

Prizes awarded to winners in the Mail Box Contest were: Mrs. J. B. Basnight, \$5.00, first prize; Lucille Lane, \$2.50, second prize.

The following clubs were recognized for doing the most outstanding work during 1939: Ballahack, first, pressure cooker; Whiteston, second, curtain stretcher; Burgess, third, fruit cake pan.

BUS SERVICE MATTER COMING TO HEAD; ATTORNEY GENERAL IS HEARD FROM

Resigns



Miss Gladys Hamrick, Perquimans County Home Agent for the past four years, who resigned her position Monday.

Home Agent Resigns Position; Board Okays Successor

Miss Hamrick Is to Leave Next Week For Similar Job In Albemarle

Miss Gladys Hamrick, Perquimans County Home Demonstration Agent for the past four years, tendered her resignation to the Board of County Commissioners at the regular meeting of the Board Monday.

The resignation is to become effective as soon as she can be replaced by another agent. At the meeting of the Board, Miss Hamrick introduced Miss Frances Maness, of Brier Creek, whom the Commissioners approved as her successor.

Miss Hamrick, after submitting her resignation to the members of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs at the meeting Monday afternoon, plans to leave early next week for Albemarle, where she will assume the duties of the Stanley County Home Demonstration Agent.

Following is a copy of Miss Hamrick's resignation as Home Demonstration Agent as tendered to the County Board and the County Council:

"I am herewith tendering my resignation as Home Demonstration Agent of Perquimans County to become effective as soon as I am replaced by another agent.

"I have enjoyed working in your County and greatly appreciate your fine cooperation and interest in making my work a success. I regret leaving not only the County, but you as individuals. And I shall remember the four years with you as most pleasant. If at any time I can be of service to you please don't hesitate to call on me.

"Thanking you again and wishing you much success in the future, I am,
"Sincerely yours,
"GLADYS HAMRICK."

Local Boys Making Good In Shipbuilding Trade With Big Concern

Three local boys are making good in the Apprentice School of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation.

Those who know Dozier Sutton, Henry Stokes and Claude Brinn will be glad to learn that all three are making steady progress. Dozier, not long ago, was promoted to the main drawing room of the mammoth corporation, Claude went to the drafting department, and Henry, who joined the first two boys several months later, is in line for promotion at an early date.

Peace Group Meets At Whiteston Wednesday

A regular meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is scheduled to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winslow, near Whiteston, on the afternoon of February 14th, at 2:30, according to an announcement by Miss Mattie Saunders, president of the local branch.

Town Attorney Advised That Local Ordinance Has Teeth In It; Mayor Darden Dispatches Second Letter

The bus company serving Hertford is going to be forced to do something in the way of improving local service.

C. E. Johnson, town attorney, was authorized at a recent meeting of the town board of commissioners to investigate ways and means and to consult with Attorney General Harry McMullan.

Mr. Johnson was advised Tuesday as to the proper steps to take, and Mayor Vivian N. Darden immediately dispatched a letter to the Norfolk Southern Bus Company.

It was the second letter Mr. Darden has directed to the officials of the bus company. He has received no answer to the first.

An ordinance passed in 1938, immediately after the alley was completed from Grubb Street to Market Street, prohibits the stopping of busses, trucks, etc., for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or merchandise at any point on Church Street between Grubb and Market, except when such carriers are fully within the lines laid out and designated as parking spaces.

Attorney General McMullan advised the town attorney on Tuesday that the ordinance has teeth in it and that the bus company may be dealt with under this ordinance.

The new alley, Mayor Darden says, was made for the express purpose of relieving traffic congestion on the town's principal business street and the ordinance passed shortly thereafter applies to busses as well as trucks.

Mayor Darden's latest letter to the bus company complains that the busses use two routes through Hertford and that neither of the two routes has a definite stopping place.

Furthermore, Mr. Darden's letter went on, there are no facilities for either white or colored passengers, and though the town is willing to cooperate with the bus company in solving its problem, the bus company must provide proper facilities; a waiting room, rest rooms, etc.

Bus tickets are sold now in the store of Morgan Walker on Church Street in the prohibited area and there is no parking space laid out there for the bus. The town ordinance does not provide for the designating of loading zones on Church Street. The new alley gives access to the rear entrance of each store fronting on Church Street.

The ordinance provides a \$2 penalty for each violation.

Mayor Darden's second letter was stronger than the first and requested at least the courtesy of a reply.

If the company disregards this letter, Town Attorney Johnson said the matter will be taken up seriously with Stanley Winborne, the Utilities Commissioner, in forcing the bus company to take action.

Tracing Expert Makes Individual Maps Of Farms In County

Miss Margaret Wall, of Clayton, a tracing expert for the Department of Agriculture, is in the Agricultural Building making tracings of all the individual farms in the county.

Later, according to L. W. Anderson, county agent, the tracings will be given to the farmers. They should prove very helpful, he said, in helping to determine where to plant different crops on the farm.

The tracings are made from the aerial maps made several months ago. Printed on standard size sheets of durable paper, the tracings show all individual plots and give the acreage of each to scale.

Miss Wall's work will require two or three months to complete and then the tracings will be ready for distribution.

Services Held Friday For New Hope Boy

Funeral services for 15-year-old Leon Barcliff, who died Thursday morning at the home at New Hope, were conducted Friday afternoon at New Hope Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. J. D. Cranford, officiating. "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" was sung by the choir, and "In the Garden" was sung by Miss Katherine Jessup, of Hertford.

The casket was covered with a double spray of Easter lilies, carnations and pink roses.

Active pallbearers were: Calvin Banks, Mat Spivey, Jr., Aubrey Hurdle, Robert Robbins, Leslie Perry and Carroll Perry.