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F. J. McQUIRE IS LOW BIDDER ON CENTER HILL - HERTFORD ROAD BUILDING PROJECT

Washington Firm Bids \$26,385 For Grading; Cobb and Homewood, Chapel Hill, Bid Low On Structures; Contracts Let

F. J. Mcquire of Washington, N. C., and Cobb and Homewood of Chapel Hill, were low bidders on the Hertford-Center Hill Road work, when the State Highway and Public Works Commission opened bids Tuesday on 16 new road-building projects.

The Commission let the contracts yesterday (Thursday) subject to approval of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads in projects using Federal funds.

The "grading of 4.11 miles between Hertford and the Chowan County line" was let to the Mcquire Company at \$26,385. Structures were let to Cobb and Homewood at \$9,721.

Low bids on the State's 16 new road-building projects let Tuesday totaled \$835,308.53.

The contractor's men in addition to the State inspectors and others who will be called to Hertford because of the road building, will increase the town's population by several dozens of families.

The local payroll in connection with the road building will mount by several thousands of dollars during the course of construction. Much of the material will be bought in Hertford, workmen will live here, will buy food and clothes here.

The prospect of a larger population, even if only for a short time, with the consequent larger buying power, is a welcome addition to the town.

The Perquimans Weekly has not been able to secure detailed specifications of the new road to Center Hill, it is understood that it will be of the 18 or 20 foot standard width and gravel or macadam surface.

Cobb and Homewood, the Chapel Hill firm, bid low on the structures; bridges over the Bear Swamp Canal, culverts and drains.

The 4.11 miles is the connecting link between the nine-foot concrete road on Cedar Street in this county, and the end of the wider hard-surfaced road from Center Hill to the county line.

No definite starting date has been announced in Hertford, but the State inspectors and engineers have already taken up residence here.

Home Ec Teachers Discuss Classes For The Adults

State Supervisor Urges Teachers to Recognize Great Responsibilities In Adult Field

Miss Catherine T. Dennis, State supervisor of home economics, at a meeting with the home economics teachers of the section in Edenton last Wednesday, urged the teachers to recognize the need for adult classes in the various communities and asked that they assume their responsibilities in this field of vocational work.

Teachers from the Home Economics Departments of Pasquotank, Currituck, Chowan and Perquimans were present at the regular meeting of the group where Miss Josephine Grant, Edenton Home Economics teacher, had charge of the program. The topic of discussion was the organization and teaching of the adult classes. Each member took part in the program, discussing the various phases of the subject.

A salad course was served at the end of the meeting by members of the Home Economics Department.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Home Economics teachers will be held in Weeksville with Miss Hilda Cloutz.

Boy Scouts Sponsor Theatre Matinee Today

The local troop of Boy Scouts of America is sponsoring a matinee at the State Theatre this (Friday) afternoon.

The screen program includes the feature picture "Allegany Uprising" starring John Wayne, and selected short subjects. The Scouts share of the box office receipts is to benefit the local troop.

Shrubbery Cuttings At High School On Tuesday, March 12

G. C. Buck and his vocational agricultural students will trim shrubbery on the Perquimans County High School campus on March 12, according to an announcement by F. T. Johnson, county superintendent.

Anyone who wishes may have cuttings of the successful shrubbery that graces the high school campus. These are easily rooted, and are available simply by removing them from the campus.

Building And Loan Associations Enjoy Best Year In Decade

Local Association Re-elects Officers and Directors; 3,400 Homes Finances In State

A stockholders' meeting of the Hertford Building and Loan Association was held in the courthouse on the evening of February 14th, and directors were elected. Officers of the association were all re-elected at a meeting on the following Friday night.

They are: A. W. Hefren, president; W. H. Hardcastle, secretary and treasurer; C. P. Morris and J. P. Perry, vice presidents, and Charles E. Johnson, attorney.

The building, savings and loan associations of North Carolina made the largest amount of loans during 1939 that they have in the past decade, it was announced by Martin F. Gaudin of Raleigh, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Building and Loan League.

These home financing institutions made last year total loans of approximately \$25,600,000 enabling over 15,000 individuals to construct, purchase, refinance or repair their homes. This record breaking total represents an increase of more than \$3,000,000 over 1938. The largest increase in type of loans was in construction of new homes for which \$10,966,000 was loaned during 1939. During the past year 3,400 homes, to the value of \$5,500,000, were purchased through these local institutions. The balance of \$9,000,000 was loaned for refinancing, repairs, modernization and miscellaneous purposes. Gaudin also predicted that the building and loan and Federal savings and loan associations would show a combined total increase of over \$10,800,000 which is also one of the largest annual gains in the past decade.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. George Roach wish to announce the birth of a son, George Thomas Roach, Jr., on Thursday, February 22nd. Mother and son are doing nicely.

ROTARY MEETS

The Rotarians met Tuesday night for the regular meeting.

Honest Man Runs For Governor

Candidate for Governor A. J. Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell were in town for a short while Tuesday around noon.

They had lunch at Roberson's Drug Store.

A number of friends were talking with the Maxwells while they ate, and when they left for Elizabeth City, Mr. Maxwell forgot to pay up.

Judge J. Granberry Tucker assumed responsibility for the debt and paid the bill.

Mr. Maxwell spoke in Elizabeth City Tuesday night, and whether or not it was while he was speaking, he suddenly remembered, "Horrors, I forgot to pay for those sandwiches and drinks over in Hertford!"

The Maxwells came back through Hertford Wednesday morning, en route to Raleigh, and Mr. Maxwell stopped again at the drug store.

A clerk informed him that the 45c had already been paid... by his friend, Judge Tucker.

So Mr. Maxwell looked around until he located the judicial head of Perquimans County's court and reimbursed him.

Cast Chosen For Benefit Play To Be Given Here

Comedy Under the Direction of Mrs. B. G. Koonce to Show on March 12th

The cast for the comedy "Aunt Jerushy on the War Path" has been chosen by the director of the play, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, and rehearsals of the play have gotten under way in preparation of the show to be held Tuesday evening, March 12, at the High School auditorium.

Heading the cast is Mrs. Sue Frank Pitt, who takes the part of Aunt Jerushy Fish. Charles Williford plays the part of Hiram Fish, and James Boyce will be Sufficiency Fish.

"Six Popkins will be played by Mary Wood Koonce; Mrs. Stella Etta Snapper by Mrs. Henry Stokes; Elder Snuffels by R. S. Monds; Bill Barker by Eddie Sanford; Madam Reeno de Beeno (Queen of the Carnival) by Alice Roberson; Elsie Barker by Jean Newbold.

A chorus composed of Chowan High School girls will furnish songs. "Aunt Jerushy on the Warpath" will be a benefit play, the proceeds from which will be turned over to the chairman of the local Infantile Paralysis Fund in order that the funds raised here will be increased.

Popular prices will be charged for admission to the play.

Observe Founders Day At Winfall

At the February meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School, the devotional was led by Rev. J. D. Cranford. Mrs. A. R. Winslow, Jr., read the President's message.

A nominating committee was appointed. This committee will report at the March meeting. All committees gave good reports. The P. T. A. bookshelf in the school library was commended.

Mrs. George Jackson conducted the following program:

The address given by Mrs. Birney in 1897 was read by Mrs. Emmett Stallings; duet, "Auld Lang Syne," by Mrs. Selma Harrell and Mrs. Evelyn Benton; poem, by Susie Mae Wilson; poem, by Jack Symons; Tribute to Mr. Burdby, by Mrs. George Jackson. A birthday cake containing the correct number of lighted candles was brought out and a Founder's Day collection was taken.

Two dogwood trees were presented for the Memorial Garden, started last year on the school grounds.

Second and Seventh grades won pictures for attendance of parents.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Boyce on Friday, February 23rd, a son. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

LIONS CLUB WILL CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY; E. H. HARDING WILL SPEAK

Youngest Club Is Also One of Most Progressive; Secretary Points To Accomplishments; Anniversary Night Is Also Ladies' Night

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its first anniversary celebration on Monday night, April 1, at the Community House on Grubb Street. Plans are rapidly being completed for the gala celebration. Secretary Norman Trueblood today announced that Edmund H. Harding, the well-known humorist-philosopher-musician of Washington, N. C., had been secured as the speaker of the occasion.

A most enjoyable evening is in prospect and everyone is looking forward to the entertainment that is always so abundant wherever Mr. Harding is the speaker. Other surprise features are being prepared.

The club will observe Ladies' Night also on this occasion. Lions and Lionesses from Edenton, Plymouth and perhaps other towns will be invited, and a sizable delegation is expected from these points. It is hoped that District Governor Neil Hester of Raleigh, Deputy District Governor N. A. Taylor of Plymouth, and Zone Chairman W. J. Taylor of Edenton, will all be able to be present.

The Hertford Lions Club was organized April 3, 1939, under the sponsorship of the Edenton Lions

No Probable Cause In Winfall Breaking And Entering Case

Three Negroes Released To Be Arrested On Simple Assault Warrants

A case in Recorder's Court Tuesday started out very seriously, as a capital offense, first degree burglary. Three Negroes, Hilton Elliott, Joseph McIntyre and Harold Wiggins, all of near Winfall, were charged with entering Louis ("Pockets") Hoffer's room, and beating him up.

Judge J. Granberry Tucker found no grounds for probable cause against the three. They were released... to be served with warrants charging simple assault.

Representing the defendants was Attorney C. R. Holmes, who, after the hearing, pointed a finger at Elliott and said, "You three boys came to within about the width of one hair of your head to standing trial on a charge that could have ended with you in the gas chamber." Elliott was little impressed... or didn't appear to be.

Hoffer, the prosecuting witness, presented a poor case considering the serious nature of the charges. He contradicted himself repeatedly, in answering questions put by both Mr. Holmes and Prosecutor Charles Johnson.

According to Hoffer's testimony, the three men entered his room on the morning of Sunday at one o'clock. He stated that Hilton entered through the window of his room and then opened the door for the other two men. First he said he was awakened by Elliott beating him with his fists, and later said he heard Elliott call him from outside the house before he entered, and that he answered the call.

Elliott was wearing a heavy bandage over the left side of his face in Recorder's Court Tuesday. The defendants did not testify, but Hoffer said that he (Hoffer) grabbed a razor and began cutting his way through the three men. "They rushed me so tight," Hoffer said, "that I went to the back room after an axe." Wiggins, he said, took the axe away from him. Hoffer later minimized the beating by stating that "Elliott blew me one with his fist."

It came out in testimony that Hoffer lives with Elliott's sister, as a boarder in the house, and that Elliott is in the habit of often spending nights there.

While Hoffer's testimony was not enough on which to hold the three men, a considerable amount of the court's time was consumed in argument as to whether Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens' testimony was permissible.

Deputy Owens' testimony was in written form, quotations from Elliott at the time of his arrest. Defense argued that this testimony was not correct. (Continued on Page Eight)

INDICATED THAT HERTFORD IS TO HAVE IMPROVED BUS STATION FACILITIES

The High Cost Of Not Paying Court Costs

It isn't the cost. It's the up-keep. King Solomon Welch was convicted on a minor count in Recorder's Court in June of last year. He was taxed with the costs of court... a matter of exactly ten dollars, after he paid part of it.

King promised to pay, so the sentence was suspended.

Judge Granberry Tucker and Clerk Howard Pitt were cleaning up some old accounts Tuesday. Capiases were made to return on that date, and several people were told to pay up or else...

When a capias is made to issue, a sum of \$2.50 is added each time to the original debt. King has been called in three times since June, and each time the debt mounted.

Tuesday it had amounted to \$17.50.

King still couldn't pay. So he went to jail.

Farm Home Business Center Subject Of March HDC Meets

Agent at Large to Attend Meetings During First Two Weeks of This Month

The Home Demonstration Clubs of the county will study "Farm Home Business Center," according to an announcement by Miss Frances Maness, county demonstration agent, as she released the schedule of demonstration meetings for the month of March.

Home Management leaders will have charge of the programs to be given by the individual clubs. Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, home agent at large, will meet with the demonstration clubs during the first two weeks of the month, and the department considers itself fortunate in having her even for this short length of time.

Beginning with the first week in March the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Tuesday, March 5—Chapanoke Club with Mrs. Talmadge Lewis.

Wednesday, March 6—Winfall Club with Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Sr.

Thursday, March 7—Whiteston Club with Mrs. L. L. Lane.

Friday, March 8—Home and Garden Club with Mrs. B. T. Wood.

Monday, March 11—Ballhack Club with Mrs. J. M. Sutton.

Tuesday, March 12—Beech Spring Club with Mrs. Jones Perry.

Wednesday, March 13—Durants Neck Club at Community House.

Friday, March 15—Bethel Club with Mrs. Reuben Stallings.

Monday, March 19—Snow Hill-White Hat Club with Mrs. Elmer Wood.

Tuesday, March 20—Belvidere Club at Community House.

Wednesday, March 21—Helen Gaither at Agricultural Building.

Wednesday, March 27—Burgess Club with Mrs. J. B. Basnight.

4-H Club Meetings

Tuesday, March 19—9 a. m., Hertford Grammar School.

Tuesday, March 19, 10 a. m., New Hope.

Wednesday, March 20, 9 a. m., High School.

Wednesday, March 20, 10:45 a. m., Winfall.

Funeral Services Held For Center Hill Man

Funeral services for Merrill Perry, 37, who died in the Caswell Training School at Kinston on Monday, were held at the Center Hill Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Perry, a son of E. C. Perry, of Tyner, was also a nephew of J. P. Perry of Hertford. He had been in ill health for many years.

Survivors include, besides his father, two brothers, Josiah Perry, of Richmond, Va., and Hallett Perry, of Newport News, Va., and five sisters, Miss Louise Perry, of Holland, Va., Mrs. Will Perry, of Tyner, Mrs. Jack Jeannette, of Elizabeth City, Miss Dorothy Perry, of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. J. P. Barnett, wife of the athletic coach at Chowan High School. (Continued on Page Eight)

Traffic Manager of Carrier Company Visits Here; Talks With Mayor Darden; Town Agrees to Furnish Parking Spaces

Coupled with the visit of Chester Hawkins, the Norfolk Southern Bus Company's traffic manager, to Hertford Wednesday, came indications that the carrier corporation has rented, or is about to rent, the Shannonhouse Building on the corner of Grubb and Church Streets as a bus station.

Mr. Hawkins looked the situation over, and Mayor Vivian N. Darden stated that he had told the traffic manager that the town would provide a parking space for northbound busses on Grubb Street.

It is indicated that the bus company will install rest rooms, four in all, two for Negro passengers and two for white patrons of the bus lines, waiting rooms with seating facilities, a station sign.

The parking space on the southward run will be on the West side of Church Street at the corner. The stop on the north run will be made on the south side of Grubb Street also at the corner.

Mr. Hawkins could not be reached for a statement, but after his talk with Mr. Darden it is evident that the carrier company intends to improve its facilities here.

It is indicated that the work of altering the building to fit the bus company's requirements is to get underway at once.

Matter Of Street Property Line One Of Long Standing

Special Session of Town Council Called to Settle Grubb Street Line Controversy

The property line controversy between the Town of Hertford and S. P. Jessup in regard to the boundary between the Jessup property on the corner of Grubb and Front Streets and the Grubb Street extension itself, was the reason for a special session of the Town Council Monday night.

As a result of the special meeting at which Mr. Jessup was present, the town has designated its Grubb Street extension as running in line with the remainder of Grubb Street from Church to Front, from curb to curb and allowing for a four-foot sidewalk.

The problem, one of long-standing, arose more than a month ago when Mr. Jessup complained that the town was trespassing on his property in the matter of placing poles in preparation for construction of the new recreation pier at the foot of Grubb Street.

Until that time the matter of properties had been more or less unimportant; there was a secondary street fronting Front to the river shore at that point, a little-used street until the property between Front and the river began to develop with the building of new homes. The recreation pier was the item that brought the matter to a head.

It is apparently the towns intention now to construct a sidewalk from Front Street to the river. A four-foot sidewalk right-of-way, provided for at the special meeting on Monday night.

Mr. Jessup at that time did not make known his reactions to the settlement of the property line dispute.

Blaze Damages Roof Of H. T. Broughton Home

Fire damaged the roof of the H. T. Broughton residence on Church Street last Friday morning. The blaze originated around a chimney and burned away several shingles before it was brought under control by the volunteer fire department.

Checks Totaling \$7,500 In Anderson's Office

Conservation checks for 1939 compliance totaling \$7,500 arrived in the office of the county agent Wednesday. This amount is included in 161 checks for 1939 soil conservation.