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ABOUT ROAD-BUILDING PROJECTS AND PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS; SURVEY ON 17

F. J. McQuire Bids Low Again on Center Hill And Hertford Grading Job

TO WIDEN U. S. 17

Survey Is Being Made From County Line to Dairy to Tie In With Planned Shortcut

Surveyors are at work measuring United States Highway 17 for a widening operation from a point at the new Elmwood Dairy to the Pasquotank County line.

At the dairy site the plan is to tie in the wider road with the survey already made for a new road from the dairy to the north end of the causeway.

At the Pasquotank County line the Little River Bridge has already been widened to take care of the additional four feet in width of the highway, giving a twenty-foot highway all the distance from Hertford to Elizabeth City. The Pasquotank County side has been constructed.

The fact that the survey ends at the site of the dairy and does not provide for widening the road on into Winfall over the present route of U. S. 17 would seem to indicate that the State Highway intends to go ahead with plans for the cutoff from the north end of the causeway to the dairy.

The engineers are concerned only with their immediate assignment, and do not know when the work of widening is scheduled to get underway.

Bidding again at a letting early this week F. J. McQuire of Washington, N. C. handed in the low estimate for grading on the Hertford-Center Hill road, at a figure about \$500 less than his original bid on February 29th.

The State Highway and Public Works Commission received about \$500,000 of bids in the last session, subject to approval of the United States Bureau of Public Roads in projects using Federal State Highway engineers in the office here, asked about the Center Hill Road work, said that the structures job awarded in the first letting to Cobb and Homewood of Chapel Hill, is almost complete with the exception of the largest structure, a 75-foot bridge across the Bear Swamp Canal.

Asked when the McQuire Company was scheduled to move in and begin the grading, the engineers could not say. They stated, however, that it is customary for the contractor to begin work within twenty days after the contract is awarded.

It is likely that equipment will begin coming into the county within the next two weeks as soon as it can be moved from other jobs.

It was further learned from the engineers that the 4.11 miles between Hertford and the Chowan County line is not to be hard-surfaced under the appropriation made this week. It is quite likely, they said, that the road will be hard-surfaced under another contract at a later date, but the present project is only for grading.

The road will be made wider; "a good road," they said, with many curves and corners eliminated, but not hard-surfaced.

Club Members Tour Currituck County On Farm-Home Trip

Several members of Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs toured in Currituck County Tuesday on the first Farm and Home Tour in Eastern Carolina.

According to Miss Frances Maness, demonstration agent, the practice of visiting in other counties will be continued. Visiting club members will be invited to tour in Perquimans County shortly, she says.

Among those touring Currituck in company with Miss Maness, were Mrs. L. L. Lane of Whiteston; Mrs. W. D. Landing, Mrs. B. T. Wood and Mrs. C. L. Dail of Hertford, and Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Chapanoke. A number of farmers motored over to Currituck with L. W. Anderson, county agent, on the same tour.

The demonstration club tourists visited new homes and rebuilt homes in Currituck County on a planned schedule made up in mimeographed form. They visited poultry farms, and other projects and gathered ideas and information to make farms more profitable and homes more livable and efficient.

Town Fathers Smile With Favor On Walt Disney Characters

It seems that Walt Disney, creator of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Snow White, and a dozen other cartoon characters, holds the edge with the town council when Sunday movies come up for discussion.

The council in meeting Monday night decided to let the State Theatre offer a program of Sunday movies on April 28th. The feature to play on that date is Walt Disney's "Pinocchio."

"Pinocchio" will be the second Sunday movie in the history of Hertford. To Disney also goes the credit for the first Sunday movie, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Poster And Essay Contests To Bring Eight Cash Prizes

Home Demonstration Clubs Sponsor Event In Connection With Better Homes Week

Poster and essay contests are being conducted in the county schools in connection with Better Homes Week . . . cash prizes contributed by local and county merchants are to be awarded to the winners.

The essay contests are confined to the high school and the poster brackets to the county's grammar schools. The whole thing is sponsored by the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Members of the high school faculty and other disinterested outside persons will act as judges in both sets of contests, according to Miss Frances Maness, home demonstration agent.

Joe and Bill's Service Station and Bill and Viv's Service Station are furnishing the prize money for first and second places in the essay contests. The essay competition is in progress now and the contest comes to a close on April 17th.

A first and second place cash prize will be awarded in the Hertford Grammar School, the Central Grammar School and the New Hope Grammar School. Each school competes separately . . . not in competition with the other two grammar schools.

These prizes are contributed by Fred Winslow, the Winfall Service Station, the One Stop Service Station and the New Hope Mercantile and Milling Company. The poster contest closes on April 19th.

First place in the essay contest will be \$3; the second place will receive an award of \$1.50.

In the poster contests, three sets of prizes consisting of \$1 for first place and 50 cents for second place, will be awarded in each of the county's three grammar schools.

Georgia Negro Tenor To Entertain At Local Church Tuesday Night

John Redding, Georgia Negro tenor, will direct "King Solomon's Wedding" at the Hertford Colored Baptist Church Tuesday evening.

A special section will be reserved for white friends in the church, and all who will, are invited to attend. A chorus in the program will consist of approximately 75 voices from the local churches and schools, according to Redding.

Redding, organist and pianist, as well as singer, appeared before the Rotary Club Tuesday evening. His selections were well received.

He is a graduate of the Boston School of Music, and is putting on "King Solomon's Wedding" for the benefit of the church.

U. D. C. MEETING

Skinner-Jones Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy was entertained at the home of Mrs. Thos. Nixon on Thursday afternoon. The president, Miss Mary Sumner, had prepared a very interesting program. After the business session, the hostesses served a delicious sweet course.

The District meeting of the U. D. C. will be held in the Agricultural Building on April 20. Luncheon will be served by St. Catherine's Guild.

Holmes Announces His Candidacy For Place In Senate

Wants More Money Allocated on Secondary Roads; Farm-to-Market as Well as Farm-To-School

SMALLER SALES TAX Highway Funds on Basis of Needs Rather Than on Population And Area

Standing on a platform to support a measure reducing the sales tax and eliminating exemptions and advocating more highway funds to be spent on farm-to-market and farm-to-school roads, C. R. Holmes of Hertford, has announced his candidacy for one of the seats in the State Senate from the First District.

Mr. Holmes has been a practicing attorney in Hertford for a number of years, coming here from Farmville after graduating in law from Wake Forest College. He married Hannah Mae Fleetwood, a daughter of the late J. J. Fleetwood. They have two children.

"In response to urging by friends in my own and other counties of the First Senatorial District," said Mr. Holmes, "I announce my candidacy for one of the seats in the State Senate from the First District, subject to the Democratic Primary, May 25th, 1940.

"In the first place if honored with the nomination and election by the good people in the District, I shall stand to and abide by the traditional custom in the District of not seeking more than two successive terms in the Senate. This custom is one of long standing, and I believe should (Continued On Page Eight)

Registrars And Election Judges Assigned Duties

New Books to Open on April 27th; Hollowell Sees No Last Minute Filing Rush

With two days left in which to file for office, L. N. Hollowell, chairman of the county board of elections, is looking to no last minute rush of candidates who want to put their cash on the line.

The last possible filing minute is at 5:59 p. m., Saturday. After six o'clock the gates are closed.

The new registration books will be opened on April 27th and will close on May 11th. Here is the list of registrars and judges of the election as released by Chairman Hollowell.

Belvidere—J. M. Copeland, registrar; Hemby Chappell and Linwood C. Winslow, judges.

Bethel Township—E. Y. Berry, registrar; J. C. Hobbs and Arthur Jordan, judges.

Hertford Township—Mrs. B. G. Koonce, registrar; Tim Brinn and T. C. Babb, judges.

New Hope Township—Mrs. W. E. Dail, registrar; W. W. Spencer and C. W. Umphlett, judges.

Parkville Township—Ray Elliott, registrar; A. R. Winslow, Jr., and Nelson Smith, judges.

When the books open for new registration on April 27th, Perquimans County will be embarking on its first new registration in more years than most people care to remember. The dates include three Saturdays, and Chairman Hollowell is hoping that every eligible voter will find time to register with the officials in his or her respective township.

Everyone must declare his or her party affiliations before registering, and register in the proper book. It is the purpose of this to impress the importance of registering. Those who do not register cannot vote in the primary.

The new registration (or re-listing in many counties) is only one of the far-reaching changes in the election laws made by the last General Assembly. Heretofore, only the general election registration book had been used for both primaries and elections. Under the new law there will be separate registration books for primaries and elections.

Among other things, absentee voting in primaries is abolished under the new law.

Eastern Carolina Peanut Growers Win Their Point

Dozen Eastern Carolina Planters Convince Officials They Were Wrong

GET ADDED ACRES

Hertford Man Among Those In Representative Group Making Demands

T. S. White was among a representative group of peanut growers in Washington on March 20th which contended that either an error had been made or there was discrimination against North Carolinians in determining the 1940 allotments.

An increase of 9,850 acres in North Carolina's 1940 peanut acreage allotment has now been ordered by the Department of Agriculture, Representative Lindsey Warren revealed last Saturday.

The action followed a series of conferences between the First District Congressman and department officials.

In the group with Mr. White were: R. C. Holland, J. E. Debnam and J. C. Leary of Edenton; Bart Fearing of Windsor; Mayon Parker of Ahoskie; L. E. Hassell of Roper; C. J. Shields and J. S. Liverman of Scotland Neck; and F. M. Manning of Williamston.

The upward adjustment, allowing North Carolina the additional acres comes as the result of a re-check on which AAA officials finally agreed. Of the added acreage, 8,000 acres are set aside for growers in counties which are not designated as commercial peanut counties in 1940.

In explaining the revision, Agriculture Department peanut experts (Continued On Page Five)

Cooper Lambasts Parasites; Vows To "Clean 'Em Out"

Colorful Mayor of Wilmington Arrives on Sound Truck; Town Decked With Banners

"Elect me governor and I'll clean out the parasites," Candidate Tom Cooper promised a large group of listeners from the observation platform of his colorful sound truck handwagon Wednesday morning.

Cooper told a tale of Any Number of \$8,000-a-year judges, who retire whenever they feel like it on two-thirds pay. These he called the parasites, and if elected, he promises to clean them all out, along with hundreds of other types.

It was a great show; the amplifying outfit blared "God Save America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." It was very appropriate. Somebody had decided to give Cooper a real welcome. American banners lined Church Street on both sides. The flags are privately owned, and several of them weren't out to greet the candidate.

Cooper's touring headquarters stopped in front of Morgan Walker's place. A large crowd had been waiting for him more than half-an-hour.

Traveling companion W. H. Henderson, Jr., (not his campaign manager) did the introducing. Press Representative Rob Sparrow (not his campaign manager) handled the sound apparatus, and Tom Cooper handled the oratory.

It was difficult to tell what kind of an impression he made. He had a good audience, and he talked of things, sales taxes and such, that people like to hear about. They like to hear sales tax relegated to the past . . . and Cooper promised to relegate it, by degrees.

County Grammar School Minstrel Well Attended

A large audience enjoyed the Minstrel given at the Central Grammar School in Winfall Friday night. Bill Madra, as interlocutor, was well-supported by six black-face end-men and a selected chorus.

Among the songs heard during the presentation were "When You Wore a Tulip," "South of the Border" and "Faithful Forever." Proceeds derived from the show will be directed to the school library.

FOUR YOUTHS CHARGED WITH \$13,000 ROBBERY OF NEW HOPE MERCANTILE FIRM

To Draw Straws For Job As Life Guard At Local Beach

Clarke Stokes and Charlie Ford Sumner, III, will draw straws for the job of being life guard at the local beach this summer, it was decided at the meeting of the town council Monday night. The drawing will take place at the next meeting of the commissioners, on May 6th.

The two young men submitted the only applications for the summer job, and since both are equally capable and qualified as life guards, the straw-drawing seemed like the fairest method. The one who draws the long straw will get the job . . . or vice versa.

George Boyce Not Guilty Of Driving Under Influence

Attorneys For Defense Scathe Former License Examiner Chief Witness For State

The license-examining department of the State Highway Safety Division went on trial in county court Tuesday. The case was one wherein George Boyce of near Hertford was charged with driving drunk, but attorneys for the defense made much of the action of a former license examiner who was the chief witness against Boyce.

After a lengthy trial, and after many witnesses for the State and the defense were interviewed, Judge Granberry Tucker handed down his decision. "Not guilty," he said.

George Boyce was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Sergeant G. I. Dail of the State Highway Patrol, 11 days after an occurrence on the Edenton Highway which involved the license examiner.

According to James S. Moore, the former license examiner, he was riding a bus carrier to Edenton. According to another of the State's witnesses, the bus driver, a Mr. Nash, his attention was directed to Boyce's car by the reckless manner in which it was driven.

The driver in turn directed the attention of Moore to the Boyce car. The bus stopped in front of Boyce's car. Moore got out and asked or ordered Boyce to move over, and drove the car to Edenton himself.

In Edenton he made a notation on Boyce's driving permit, according to testimony. He suspended the license for 12 days.

Had the charges stuck against Boyce and had he been convicted on Moore's testimony, the case would have set a precedent. It would have been the first time a driver was convicted of drunken driving by a license examiner.

W. G. Edwards and J. S. McNider, the defense legal battery, scathed the license examiner, saying he was in error in the first instance and then attempted to see the thing through.

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Ruth Davenport's Car Destroyed By Fire

An automobile owned by Miss Ruth Davenport, County Welfare head, was completely destroyed by fire about 2:30 Thursday morning.

The car had been parked in the driveway at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Nixon with whom Miss Davenport makes her home.

Firemen believed the blaze was caused by a short circuit in the wiring system.

BAND ON AIR

Mrs. R. M. Riddick's Rhythm Class will be heard over Station WTAR in Norfolk, Va., tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock.

The class entertained before the Parent-Teachers Association in Edenton on Tuesday evening.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Odell West of Fayetteville, announce the birth of a daughter on Thursday, April 4. Mrs. West is the former Miss Ethel Tolar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tolar, of Woodville.

Largest Store In Village Entered Friday Night And \$1,800 In Cash Taken

PAPERS BURNED

Bold Burglary of Building Housing Post Office Heavy Loss to E. City Man

Four youths were held in Hertford today (Thursday) after Judge Granberry Tucker found grounds for probable cause and ordered them detained for action by the grand jury when Superior Court comes here next week.

The men are Dock Phelps, Elizabeth City man about 30 years of age, who was sentenced in Elizabeth City Monday for jail-breaking, Oscar Bogue and Shelby Casper, both of Elizabeth City and both twenty years of age, and Joe Roughton of Norfolk, Va.

These are the men who will probably stand trial next week on charges of breaking and entering the New Hope Mercantile and Milling Company store last Friday night.

The robbery at New Hope, which Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow tentatively placed at 2 a. m., Saturday morning, brought to the little Perquimans County village an impressive array of officers including State Bureau of Investigation Men, a postal inspector and two Federal men, in addition to the Sheriff.

While less than \$1,800 was actually taken from the two safes in the New Hope establishment, the robbers destroyed more than \$11,000 in valuable notes and records, Paul Jackson of Elizabeth City, member of the Mercantile firm, told The Weekly reporter Saturday.

Entrance was gained through a side door by the jimmy method. Two safes, one a huge affair weighing more than 800 pounds, and the other a smaller one weighing approximately 300 pounds, were carried, apparently by truck, to a spot two two miles from New Hope where they were forced open.

The cash was removed from the two safes as well as from the cash register in the store. The valuable papers were piled in the two safes and set afire. They were completely destroyed.

The "Company Store," as it is called in New Hope, is also the Post Office of Durants Neck. The smaller safe contained Post Office Department property, money order blanks, stamps, etc.

Postmaster Steve Perry, also clerk in the store, notified Postal Inspector F. D. Conderman in New Bern as soon as he learned of the robbery. Mr. Conderman arrived on the scene shortly after State Bureau of Investigation Men Gating and Zimmerman of Raleigh, had begun checking for possible fingerprints.

Madison Lee, a Negro, who lives down the River Road discovered the burning safes shortly after six (Continued on Page Five)

Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent, At P. T. A. Meeting

Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, was the principal speaker at the second annual banquet of the Parent-Teachers Associations of the county at the high school Wednesday night.

The banquet was a county-wide affair, and the three associations of the county were represented by more than a hundred members. Mrs. John Symons of Chapanoke, county council president, presided.

The different schools represented by the P. T. A. group had parts on the program, and Robert Rhodes, band instructor at the high school, gave a violin solo. A duet was given by Mrs. Thelma Harrell and Mrs. Jack Benton of Snow Hill.

Among other out-of-town P. T. A. officials at the county council banquet were Mrs. Erwin, wife of the State Superintendent, and Mrs. W. L. Walston of Elizabeth City, another State officer in the Parent-Teacher group.

Among local State officers present were: Mrs. I. A. Ward, district director, and Dr. Ward, Mrs. F. T. Johnson, district magazine chairman, and Mr. Johnson, county superintendent, and Mrs. J. R. Futrell, State publicity chairman.