

TOWN BOARD VOTES BOND ELECTION TO DETERMINE PURCHASE OF NEW ICE PLANT

Town Attorney Authorized to Prepare Election Papers

Hertford's Town Board, meeting in regular session Monday night, voted to call a special election for the purpose of determining whether or not the Town will borrow \$15,000 to finance the purchase of a new ice plant. The final decision on the purchase of the equipment will rest with the voters of Hertford, who must pass upon the question before the Board can be empowered to issue the necessary bonds needed to finance the project.

During a discussion of the proposal, it was pointed out that the present ice making equipment, owned by the Town, is insufficient to supply the present demands for ice. The equipment now in use is capable of producing only slightly more than nine tons of ice daily and the present requirements make it necessary for the Town to purchase ice elsewhere, having it hauled here, to supply local customers. The Board proposes to purchase additional equipment which will enable the local plant to produce an extra 14 tons of ice daily.

Bids placed with the Town for the installation of the equipment calls for approximately \$15,000. This includes the purchase price of the equipment and its installation.

Following a vote by the Board, calling for the special bond election, Town Attorney Charles E. Johnson was authorized to draw the necessary papers for the action and to set the date of the election. Full details of the election will be given the public as soon as the attorney can determine the date and draw the ordinance calling for the voters to pass upon the proposal.

The Board adopted a tax rate of \$1.10 per \$100 property valuation for the current fiscal year. This rate is the same as levied by the Town during the past year.

An ordinance regarding the use of parking meters in the Town of Hertford was also passed and the provisions of this ordinance will be published in this newspaper.

A resolution of protest was passed by the Board to be presented to officials of the Norfolk Southern Railroad regarding the discontinuance of door to door freight delivery within this community.

Grid Tryouts To Start August 20

Tryouts for the 1947 version of the Perquimans Indians football team will get under way here next Wednesday afternoon, August 20, according to Joe Levinson, athletic director at the Perquimans High School.

The first practice session has been called for 2:30 in the afternoon next Wednesday, and Coach Levinson requests all high school students desiring to try out for the team to come to the high school at that time prepared to begin practice. He requests all players to bring with them clothes suitable for practicing and taking of exercises. Each boy should bring with him a pair of tennis or basketball shoes or sneakers.

The early practice sessions are expected to be devoted to skull practices and discussion of rules and calisthenics, preparatory to heavier drills later on after school has opened.

A schedule of about nine games is expected to be played this year with the Indians participating in the Albemarle Conference, composed of Columbia, Plymouth, Williamston, Windsor, Ahoskie, Scotland Neck and Hertford. Two home games with Columbia and Ahoskie are on tap and Coach Levinson hopes to contract for at least two more home games during the season.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT BETHLEHEM CHURCH

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Bethlehem Church beginning Tuesday, August 19, and continuing for ten days. It was announced here today. The Rev. W. O. Henderson will do the preaching.

HOOKS SAIL FIFTH

R. S. Monds, vacationing last week at Morehead City, caught a six foot, three inch sail fish while fishing in the gulf stream. Mr. Monds' catch was one of five sail fish caught in North Carolina waters this year.

W. M. S. TO MEET

The Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet Monday night, August 18th, at 8 o'clock at the church. All members are urged to attend. Mrs. L. A. Ward will preside.

2,163 Motor Vehicles Registered In County

Perquimans County ranks 81st in the State's 100 counties in the number of motor vehicles registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, according to a report released by the Department this week.

Perquimans had 2,163 motor vehicles registered, as compared with 802,349 for the entire State. Of these 778,769 were autos, trucks and trailers, while the remaining 23,580 were dealers' and state highway vehicles.

Probable Cause Is Found In Case Of Booby Trap Shooting

Defendant Held For Superior Court on \$1,000 Bond

Probable cause was found in the case of Wayland White, Jr., charged with breaking and entering the smoke house of H. A. Turner, of the Nicanor community on the night of June 19. The verdict was returned by Judge Charles E. Johnson, in Perquimans recorder's court Tuesday afternoon, after the State had presented evidence from three witnesses, who gave testimony regarding the circumstances of the case.

The State charged White as being the man who attempted to break into the Turner smoke house, and who was shot in the attempt. According to testimony given by H. A. Turner, he (Turner) had rigged a booby trap for the purpose of scaring any person who attempted to break into the smoke house. Turner stated he rigged up a shot gun about six feet from the doorway of the smoke house, pointed in such a manner that if the gun was tripped the shot would pass through the doorway about three feet above the ground.

White stated that on the night of June 19 he left home about dark and drove to Nicanor and later upon returning home he discovered the shot gun had been discharged and the smoke house door chain broken. He testified further that he investigated the scene the next morning and found tracks leading from the smoke house to a spot near a swamp, where the tracks ended. He later called Sheriff M. G. Owens, who investigated the circumstances surrounding the case and later Sheriff Owens issued a warrant charging Wayland White, Jr., with breaking and entering the smoke house.

Dr. J. E. Rawls, Jr., of the Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, Va., testified that Mr. White was admitted to the hospital on the night the shot gun was found exploded by Mr. Turner, suffering from a gun shot wound in the right limb, shot having penetrated White's leg at various points between the knee and waist. Dr. Rawls testified that Mr. White told him he was shot at his home when some dogs or puppies tripped over his gun and it exploded, the shot hitting him.

The doctor testified White suffered a bad wound and appeared as suffering some shock at the time he was admitted to the hospital. He added that Mr. White was a patient at the hospital from June 19 to July 12. Sheriff Owens was the last witness placed on the stand by the State. The Sheriff told of his investigation of the attempted breaking in of the Turner smoke house and said he requested hospitals of Elizabeth City, Suffolk and Edenton to notify him of any person appearing for treatment of gunshot wounds. He testified that upon being notified that White had been admitted to the Suffolk Hospital he continued his investigation which led to the issuing of the warrant.

A motion of non-suit, made by defense attorney, W. H. Oakey, Jr., was not allowed by Judge Johnson, who ruled the chain of evidence as presented by the State was sufficient to go to a jury, and, therefore, a verdict of probable cause was returned. White was bound over for a hearing at the October term of Superior Court, and was released on a bond of \$1,000.

The Court ordered James Carr, Negro, charged with vagrancy, to stay out of Perquimans County for a period of two years, or serve a road sentence of six months. Carr entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

A motion for non-suit was allowed in the case of James Blount, Negro, charged with driving drunk and driving without a license.

William Brown, Negro, was found guilty of being drunk and was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs of court. He was found not guilty on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

EDITORIAL IT'S DISCRIMINATING

Action taken this week by officials of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company in ordering local freight agents to discontinue the service of delivery of intrastate freight, when in lots of less than a car load, will no doubt back fire on the company. Especially will the back fire be heard in the 24 towns and cities of North Carolina affected by the order.

The action itself is discriminating in view of the fact that the railroad has ordered this action only in towns where they are without competition, towns such as Hertford, Edenton, Elizabeth City and others located in the central part of the State. The company, it seems to us, has no idea of curtailing its services where merchants and manufacturers have a choice of placing freight business. There has been no announcement by the railroad that it will reduce freight rates for the merchants in the towns affected, but these merchants will continue to pay the same rate as those in towns where Norfolk Southern will continue to give added service. To us that is discrimination... take it or leave it. To our way of thinking, utilities, especially those having a complete monopoly, should be forced to give the same service in every community in which they operate, be it large or small, with or without competition.

Several weeks ago the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company made much of the news that a reorganization of the company had been effected and it presented the view that the present officials of the company were engaged in plans to build up the railroad, its physical equipment and good will. If this order sent out this week, notifying local agents to discontinue a vital service to local merchants, is a sample of the effort to build up good will for the company, we think the plan should be junked, for in our opinion it will have an effect just the opposite.

Indians Tighten Hold On Third Place In Albemarle League

Team Assured Position In Play-offs Which Start Next Week

Hertford's baseball club, by dividing games with Windsor and Colerain during the past week, has tightened its hold on the third place position in the Albemarle League, and seems destined to finish the season in that position, guaranteeing the team as contenders in the play-offs which are expected to get under way about Sunday, August 24. No definite date for the start of the play-offs has been set by the league directors, but since the season play ends August 21, it is assumed the play-offs will start shortly thereafter.

Hertford lost to Windsor last Friday night by a score of 6-3, then turned back the Rebels in a game on Memorial Field Saturday night, 5-4, in a ten-inning affair. Colerain overwhelmed the Indians at Colerain Sunday afternoon, winning by a score of 10-6. The Indians countered by taking Colerain into camp here Monday night 5-4.

Taylor started the game as pitcher for the Indians at Windsor, but was relieved in the second inning by Gilkerson. Taylor allowed three hits, walked two and three runs scored before Gilkerson went to the mound. Windsor collected one hit off Gilkerson and scored three more runs in the third. From then on the left-hander from Hertford held the Windsor team hitless. Hertford tallied once in the fourth and twice in the eighth for its three runs. Bauer went the route for Hertford in the Saturday night game and allowed five hits. Windsor scored three runs in the third and one in the fifth. The Indians scored two in the first and eighth and won the game in the tenth by pushing one run across the plate.

Taylor and Smith did mound duty for Hertford in the game with Colerain on Sunday, but the Trappers, attempting to catch the first place Colonials, went on a batting spree to win 10-6.

Gilkerson allowed eight hits in the game Monday while his teammates collected eight hits off Mustain. Colerain scored in the first, second and fifth innings, while Hertford counted one in the first, two in the third and one more in the sixth.

The Indians have six more games left on their regular schedule and also five rained out games. Suffolk plays here tonight, Windsor on next Tuesday and Edenton is here on August 21.

The Indians, scoring four runs in the seventh inning, turned back the Elizabeth City Senators in a game on Memorial Field Wednesday night. The final score was 4-1. The Senators tallied one run in the fifth. Bauer did the mound duty for Hertford, striking out seven, while Sawyer pitched for the Senators, striking out three. Bauer allowed six hits, while the Indians collected four off Sawyer. The Indians' big inning

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Special Days For Lost Colony Over Coming Week-end

Showings Also Scheduled For Three Monday Nights

The Lost Colony's program of special days for its tenth anniversary season will come to a climax this week-end, with Dare County Veterans' Homecoming Day scheduled on Friday, Greater University of North Carolina Day on Saturday, and Virginia Dare Day on Monday (August 18).

Veterans' day will feature a parade beginning at 3 o'clock, an address by Representative Harold D. Cooley of Nashville at the Manteo High School, and a dinner on the school grounds, given by the Dare County Board of Commissioners. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Fifteenth Air Command Band, from Fifth Naval District Headquarters in Norfolk. Cooley will be introduced by Representative Herbert C. Bonner of the First North Carolina District. The program will end with the night's performance of The Lost Colony.

Representatives of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts from Elizabeth City, Edenton, Plymouth and Hertford will join Dare County veterans in the parade, for which the Coast Guard Company of Elizabeth City will furnish the color guard.

Lenoir Chambers, editor of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, will be the principal speaker on Saturday, appearing at a luncheon in the Carolinian Hotel for alumni of N. C. State College at Raleigh, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Woman's College at Greensboro. The president of the university, Dr. Frank P. Graham, will make a short talk at the theatre just before Saturday night's performance of The Lost Colony.

The Lost Colony Company will give a special Virginia Dare Day performance Monday night. Other Monday performances are scheduled on August 25 and on the last day, September 1. During other weeks the showings are held Wednesday through Sunday nights.

Ina Dale Meekins To Wed Burwell Evans

The Rev. and Mrs. Earl R. Meekins of Tyner announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Ina Dale Meekins, to Burwell Atkinson Evans, son of William Evans and the late Mrs. Evans of Atlanta, Ga.

The marriage will be solemnized Saturday afternoon, September 6, at 4 o'clock in the Center Hill Methodist Church with Miss Meekins' father, pastor of the church, officiating.

No formal invitations have been mailed in the county, but the public is cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD ORDERS DISCONTINUANCE OF FREIGHT DELIVERY

Revival Starts Sunday At Mt. Sinai Church

A revival meeting at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will begin Sunday, August 17th, at 3 P. M., and run through the following Sunday at 3 P. M. The Rev. M. W. Grissom of Shiloh Baptist Church will bring the messages each evening at 8 o'clock and each afternoon at 3 o'clock.

William Lamb will be present to lead the singing.

The pastor, the Rev. Oscar Williams, cordially invites the public to attend these services.

Action Effective September 1; Protest Being Entered

Merchants of the Town of Hertford, along with merchants of 23 other towns in North Carolina will be faced with the problem of transporting their own freight from the Norfolk Southern Railroad stations, beginning September 1, it was learned here this week when notices sent out by the company officials notified local freight agents that effective on the above date the company would discontinue the service of delivering intrastate freight in less than car load lots.

According to the information gathered by this newspaper the railroad will discontinue this service only in North Carolina towns, where the railroad is without competition. In any location served by another company the Norfolk Southern will continue to render this service. The discriminating action will affect the merchants of Hertford no little, as well as merchants of Elizabeth City and Edenton. No such action will be taken at Plymouth or Washington, both of which are served by the Atlantic Coast Line as well as the Norfolk Southern.

The action is tantamount to an increase in freight rates for the merchants of the towns affected by the order, inasmuch as the railroad, in the past has paid an employee for delivery of freight at the rate of 12 cents per hundred weight. When local merchants have hauled their own freight from the station the railroad has allowed a five cent rebate on the freight bill, thus paying the merchant when he hauls the freight himself. Under the order issued this week the railroad has made no definite statement regarding this procedure, but it is presumed rates will remain as is, and merchants will be put to the trouble and expense of hauling freight, when the amount is less than car load lots.

Protests against the proposal were voiced here immediately when the local merchants learned of the plan, and these protests are expected to be lodged with the officials of the Norfolk Southern in an effort to have the order rescinded.

Harvey Point Rumor Squelched By Navy

A rumor making the rounds in Hertford of recent days that Harvey Point Navy Auxiliary Air Station is to be reopened by the Navy Department and a number of men located at the base was squelched this week by the Navy Department.

An official of the Fifth Naval District, in reply to a query by this newspaper, stated that while the Air Station has been removed from the War Assets Administration surplus and taken over by the Navy, there are no plans to reopen the station and that no men will be located there.

This official, however, advised that according to his information the property may be leased and that the buildings are for sale.

War Assets sale of property located at the base has stopped and it was learned here last week that stop orders have been released as to the sale of some items at the station formerly being offered to the public.

Gas Tax Revenues Reach New High

Revenues from the 6c State gasoline tax paid by North Carolina motorists during the first six months of 1947 totals \$19,422,054.96, according to S. Gilmer Sparger, executive secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee. This represents a 13.7% increase over the first half of 1946, setting a new high in the 27 year history of gasoline tax collections.

During the first six months of 1941, when automobile registrations were at their peak, gasoline tax revenues amounted to \$14,648,335.00. Special taxes paid by motor vehicle owners rose from a 1941 figure of \$80.27 per vehicle to \$94.66 in 1946, reflecting the increased use of, and dependence of the public on, cars and trucks. The total 1947 gasoline tax bill alone is expected to reach \$39,600,000.00, Mr. Sparger said.

"In terms of highway construction," he added, "this means that motorists will pour \$51,700,000.00 in gasoline taxes and registration fees into the state highway fund this year.

"Even though we have become accustomed to talk of roads in thousands of miles and road funds in millions of dollars, there is an element of awe in the fact that North Carolina motorists alone paid a gasoline tax bill of \$19,422,054.76 during the

Parity For Peanuts Results In Brighter Outlook For Farmers

Growers Will Receive Highest Price In History

The July 15 parity of 11.1 cents per pound for farmers' stock peanuts set by the United States Department of Agriculture and the peanut diversion program, acceptance of which has been announced, promise a "bright future" for peanut growers and end users, peanut industry leaders say.

Ralph McMillan, president of the National Peanut Council, asserted that "consumers will not find peanut end-products as high as previously thought, even though peanut farmers will receive the highest price in history per pound for their 1947 crop."

Prices to producers will be supported at 90 per cent parity by means of a loan and purchase support program by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

"The peanut industry has a bright future as a result of these developments," Roy E. Parrish, chairman of the National Peanut Industries Committee of 1947, commented. This committee initiated the peanut diversion program whereby CCC would buy second and lower grade shelled peanuts from shellers.

"Farmers are guaranteed their prices," Mr. Parrish said, "and the manufacturers should expect higher quality shelled peanuts than they have been receiving because shellers may divert the lower grade shelled peanuts into oil under this program without undue loss."

Peanut farmers are now receiving on their 1946-47 crop approximately 100 per cent of last year's parity of 9.55 cents per pound. Although CCC is guaranteeing only 90 per cent of the July 15, 1947 parity of 11.1 cents per pound, the 1947-48 crop is expected to bring peanut farmers greater returns than ever before in peanut history.

The Department of Agriculture purchase and loan support prices run as follows: \$203 for Spanish and Valencia east of Mississippi; \$201 per ton for Spanish and Valencia west of Mississippi; \$185 for runners and \$196 for Virginias. These are base grade prices for peanuts which have a sound mature kernel content of 65 per cent in the case of Virginias and runners and 70 per cent for Spanish and Valencia.

Provision is made for an allowance of \$2.90 per point on or off of the grades are higher or lower on Spanish and Valencia, \$2.80 per point for runners, and \$3 per point for Virginias. Thirty cents per ton will be added for each 1 per cent of extra-large Virginias.

Goodwin Funeral Held Thursday Afternoon

Sidney Jacob Goodwin, 36, life-long resident of Perquimans County, died at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening in the Albemarle Hospital.

Mr. Goodwin was the son of Mrs. Fannie White Goodwin and the late Levi Goodwin.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Copeland Goodwin; two daughters, Ruth and Janice Goodwin, and a son, Ray Goodwin, all of Hertford; five brothers, Wallace of Hertford, Joel of Newport News, Levi of Elizabeth City, Ernest of Edenton and Johnnie Goodwin of Portlock, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. A. L. Sawyer of Gregory, Mrs. Clifford Gregory and Mrs. T. D. Copeland of Elizabeth City and Mrs. C. P. Skinner of Carrollton, Va.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Great Hope Church under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home.