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County Commissioners Place Order For Fire Truck Following Meeting On Monday

Delivery of Equipment Expected In About Six Months

Perquimans County's Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session here last Monday, voted funds to purchase a fire truck to be used in fighting fires in rural areas of the county. An order for the truck was placed with a Roanoke Virginia firm, and delivery of the truck is expected in about six months.

The truck ordered by the Board will be equipped with a water tank of 600-gallon capacity, and all necessary equipment needed to fight fires. A committee, composed of A. T. Lane, Chairman of the Board, and V. N. Darden, Mayor of Hertford, and members of the Hertford Fire Department, who will operate the truck, have been inspecting and investigating trucks and equipment for the past month, and they recommended the truck purchased by the Commissioners.

Cost of the truck and equipment will be approximately \$9,000. A chassis for the truck is to be purchased locally and the Roanoke firm will build the fire fighting equipment onto the chassis. A bid, for the equipment, of \$7,039 was submitted by the Roanoke firm. Bids for the chassis were also submitted by Hollowell Chevrolet Co., and Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co.

In the motion passed authorizing the purchase of the truck, the Commissioners voted to provide the necessary funds by using part of a surplus now on hand and financing the remainder through the issuance of bonds. The amount to be financed to be determined by the Commissioners.

Other business handled in the day long meeting of the Board included the acceptance of the resignation of Thad C. Chappell, as delinquent tax collector.

The Board voted to have the lobby and court room of the Court House painted and authorized Chairman Lane to complete arrangements for this project.

A representative of the State Welfare Department appeared before the Commissioners and made a report on the condition of the county jail. He recommended several improvements to the jail, and these were taken under advisement by the Commissioners.

It was also announced that the Board will meet again on March 19, as a Board of Equalization and Review, at which time it will hear complaints relative to property valuation.

On motion passed, in compliance with bills recently passed by the General Assembly, the Board set the salaries of the Judge of Recorder's Court and Solicitor at \$125 per month and the county treasurer's salary at \$75 per month.

Eight Cases Heard By Recorder Judge

A total of 14 cases were listed on the docket of the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here Tuesday. Eight of these cases were tried the next term of court.

Two of the cases were continued unopposed and six were continued unopposed. A nol pro was taken in the case in which Joseph Gilliam, Negro, was charged with operating a car with improper muffler.

A fine of \$25 and costs was imposed on Sheldon Manne, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding.

Fines of \$10 and costs were taxed against Raymond Harris and Harman Griffin, each of whom entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the case in which Maggie Forehand, Negro, was charged with simple assault. The defendant was sentenced to jail for 30 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of costs.

Hayward Perry, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with improper lights and bumper muffler. He paid a fine of \$15 and costs.

Joseph Armstrong, charged with driving with improper lights, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Will Phillips, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of assault. He was sentenced to jail for 30 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court.

JAYCERS GET CHARTER

Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, organized here last year under supervision of the Elizabeth City Jaycers, has been awarded a charter with the state organization. It was announced here today by Dunwood Road, Jr., president of the local group.

Car And School Bus In Collision Wednesday

A warrant charging Wendell P. Jones, Negro, with following too closely behind a motor vehicle, was issued here Wednesday following a collision between a car driven by Jones and a county school bus.

According to B. R. Inscow, State patrolman, who investigated the accident, school bus No. 3, driven by Elizabeth Proctor, was stopped at a residence about 600 feet north of Wade Jordan's service station on Route 17, with signal lights burning, when Jones, approaching the bus from the rear, crashed into the back of the bus.

Jones, who was driving a 1950 Buick, told Patrolman Inscow he saw the parked bus and applied brakes about 150 feet from the vehicle but his car slid into the back of the bus. Damages to the Buick was estimated at \$400 and to the school bus at \$10. No injuries occurred in the collision.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Deputy Foreign Ministers of the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia are conducting a meeting in Paris this week in an effort to work out a solution to world tension. Representatives of the West opened the meeting by telling the Russian minister there could be no reduction of European tension until Russia and her satellites reduced their huge armies. A report from Paris Wednesday stated Russia has brought up items for discussion which may block any progress in the meeting. These points were reported as the same old arguments used by Russia in previous meetings between the Big Four.

Meanwhile in Korea United Nations troops are continuing their limited offensive against Communist forces, and slight territorial gains are noted on the central and western fronts, while in the East, Red soldiers have launched a strong attack against American and South Korean troops. American troops crossed the Han River, east of Seoul on Tuesday in face of light resistance and were reported advancing toward the Korean capital.

In Raleigh this week the Legislature killed a movement to revive a bill calling for a State-wide referendum on liquor. This means the issue will not be brought up again before 1953. The General Assembly started on its third month of the current session with little hope for early adjournment.

The Veterans Administration announced this week another dividend will be issued this year to veterans of the last two world wars. Payment of the dividends is expected to get under way within the next month of two. Sixteen million dollars will be paid to veterans of World War I, while 685 million will be divided among the insurance policy holders of World War II.

Tractor Schools To Be Held Here March 15

Two tractor maintenance schools will be held in Perquimans County on March 15, according to an announcement made by I. C. Yagel, County Agent, who stated that the schools will be held at S. T. Perry's store in New Hope at 9 A. M., and at the Perquimans High School at 2 P. M.

The demonstration will include every step in proper maintenance of tractors, and every tractor operator should take advantage of this opportunity to learn proper care for his machine.

The schools will be open to both white and colored who actually operate tractors, and as Mr. Yagel points out a good program of daily maintenance by the operator can add months to the life of a tractor and can substantially reduce operating costs and frequent expensive repair bills.

Draft Board Clerk Resigns Position

Mrs. Edna Winslow, clerk of the Perquimans County Draft Board, since its reactivation last year, tendered her resignation of the position effective Wednesday of this week. It was announced today by Cecil C. Winslow, chairman of the board.

Mr. Winslow stated that the local draft office will be closed until next Monday.

Legion Auxiliary Celebrated Fifth Anniversary Friday

Officers Nominated For New Year; District Speaker Here

The Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion celebrated its fifth birthday at the regular meeting of the unit, held last Friday night at the Agriculture building, and honored its past presidents, Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. Ralph White and Mrs. Kelly White. Present for the occasion, besides a large number of members, were Mrs. Paul Holloman, First District Committee woman, Mrs. Oscar Elliott, Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt, of Edenton and Mrs. J. S. Chaffin of Winfall.

During the business session, which was presided over by Mrs. B. C. Berry, president, who introduced the honored guests, Mrs. Charles Skinner reported Mrs. J. H. Towe had completed arrangements for the conducting of the unit's Americanism Essay contest through the high school. Mrs. Martin Towe and Mrs. Roulac Webb reported the annual Poppy Sale will be held on May 26; Mrs. J. R. Futrell announced that the unit will send two girls to Girl State, to be held at WCUNC in Greensboro, June 10-15, and that the unit will pay all expenses except transportation.

Mrs. Berry called to the members' attention the District meeting to be held March 30 at Newland, with the Englehard unit as hostess to a dutch treat luncheon, and she urged all members of the local unit to attend.

Mrs. Holloman, who was the guest speaker for the meeting, told the members of the need for more funds for the increasing number of veterans now in hospitals. It was voted by the local unit to double its contributions to the central fund and substantially increase donations to all other obligations to the N. C. Department.

A nominating committee reported its selection of officers for the unit during the coming year were: president, Mrs. B. C. Berry; vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Sumner; secretary, Mrs. Leslie White; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Tommy Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Roulac Webb; chaplain, Mrs. Tom Perry; sergeant at arms, Mrs. W. G. Hollowell; historian, Mrs. James Snipes.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. James Snipes, as hostess, presented a beautifully decorated birthday cake with five lighted candles which was cut and served with iced drinks.

Board Draws Names For Jury Service

Members of the Board of County Commissioners, meeting here Monday in regular session, drew the names of 62 residents for service on the jury at the April term of Superior Court.

The jurors drawn for service were: Miss Mary Sumner, Walter Nowell, Mrs. Henry C. Stokes, M. J. Gregory, Watson Russell, Mrs. J. T. Biggers, Ellis Winslow, Job Stallings, Jarvis Winslow, Harold H. Copeland, Albert Hunter, Charlie Dail, Mrs. Clarence C. Chappell, Lawrence Towe, Edwin S. White, W. E. Mathews, Jr., Carson Winslow, W. N. White, J. Quinton Riddick, Mrs. Howard Hunter, John A. Elliott, Garland Stallings, C. L. Mansfield, Alex Stallings, Leroy Lamb, Mrs. Guy Webb, W. D. Landing, Carlton Nixon, W. E. Bagley, Calvin Mansfield, Jr., D. L. Reed, J. R. Futrell, W. M. Diverse, Jr., F. M. Copeland, Ernest L. White, Wm. C. Barclift, Shelton Hobbs, R. S. Monde, Jr., W. F. Madre, W. L. Bagley, Wallace Baker, Delton Stallings, Jesse Harrell, John N. Lane, Sammy Monde, Calvin Godfrey, Milton Dail, Sr., Marion Copeland, W. E. Winslow, Robert Harrell, Alva Madre, Mrs. R. R. White, Mrs. W. D. Rogerson, Edward Smith, Roy Stallings, Raymond Eure, Robert E. Sutton, Murden Stokely, Worth Dail, Corbin Dozier and Blount Eure.

Parking Meter Bill Before Legislature

C. R. Holmes, Perquimans Representative in the General Assembly, has introduced a bill before the Legislature relating to the application of proceeds of parking meters of the Town of Hertford.

The bill directs that surplus parking meter revenues remaining after application to regulation and control of vehicular traffic and parking shall be used for expenses of general law enforcement in Hertford.

Outlook For Bigger Cotton Crop Here Appears Bright

Farmers Advised Committee Is Working on Labor Situation

Present indications point toward an increase in acreage planting for cotton in Perquimans during 1951, it was reported this week by County Agent I. C. Yagel.

Perquimans farmers are being urged to plant an additional 1,000 acres in cotton in 1951, as compared to 1950, to help raise the national production to meet the needs of the United States and its allies. The present supply of cotton is short due to short production last year and the unexpected demands at home and abroad.

To help gain the additional acreage a county cotton committee has been set up and is now working to assist farmers to produce a bigger cotton crop this year. The question in most minds concerning the planting of more cotton revolves around the problem of labor needed for cultivation and picking. The committee, it has been reported, has discussed this problem with a number of authorities and at least two solutions are offered to relieve this condition. The first is securing of migrant labor, and the second is for schools to cooperate by running on half day schedules during the harvest season.

In connection with an appeal to farmers to plant more cotton, Mr. Yagel issued the following statement:

"It is believed that producers who follow the recommended practices and plant good seed will realize a good return for their money invested. The coker 100 wilt variety is recommended. Farmers are advised to plant 25 to 30 pounds to the acre and to use mechanically treated seed which have a germinating test of 80 per cent.

"Fertilizer should be placed on one or both sides, about two inches below the seed level and mixed thoroughly with the soil to avoid injury to the seedlings. If planted in rotation with non-legumes or following legumes for hay or on potash deficient soils 400 to 600 pounds of 5-10-10 should be used. If following legumes for seed or turned, or on high organic soils 400 to 600 pounds of 3-9-9 should be used.

"Cotton should be sidedressed immediately after thinning the amount depends upon fertilization at planting and natural fertility of soil. Usually from 100 to 200 pounds of nitrate of soda or its equal will be sufficient.

"Successful production depends upon complete insect control and this means that dusting should begin before the squares form."

New Officers Named By Local VFW Post

New officers for the year 1951-52 were elected for the Garland H. Onley Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at a regular meeting of the Post held last Monday night.

Named as new commander of the local VFW Post was Jarvis Ward, senior vice commander will be Vernon Lee Perry and junior vice-commander, Edward Barber; Emory White was elected as quartermaster, Shelton Chappell, chaplain and W. F. Ainsley, Post trustee.

J. W. Dillon was appointed by the commander-elect to serve as post adjutant.

Other committee chairmen will be named by Mr. Ward when he assumes office in April.

John Danchesi was welcomed into the Post as a new member.

Insect Control To Be Discussed Wed.

George D. Jones, Entomologist from State College, will conduct a discussion here on the control of insects, it was announced today by I. C. Yagel, County Agent. Mr. Jones will conduct the meeting at the Agriculture Building in Hertford on Wednesday, March 14, beginning at 2 P. M.

He is expected to discuss various insecticides as well as machinery and method of application. He will talk, especially, on control of insects which attack cotton and all cotton farmers are urged to attend this meeting.

Student Breaks Arm Practicing Football

Lawrence Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton, a junior at Perquimans High School, fractured both bones of his left arm while practicing football at the school on Tuesday. He was taken to the Albemarle Hospital for treatment.

ALBEMARLE REA TO MOVE OFFICES INTO HOLLOWELL BUILDING ON EDENTON ROAD

Board Of Education In Routine Meeting

Members of the Perquimans Board of Education met in regular session here last Monday and heard reports covering the county school building program. Superintendent of Schools J. T. Biggers advised the Board \$167,000 of State funds had been expended toward construction of the union school at Winfall, and county funds will be required to help meet costs by May 1.

County Representative C. R. Holmes appeared before the Board and told the group of the progress of legislation concerning schools now under consideration in the General Assembly.

A request by the Hertford PTA for the Board to investigate absenteeism in schools was considered and the superintendent was authorized to survey this situation and report to the Board concerning the problem at its next meeting.

Perquimans Closes Cage Season With Wins Over Sunbury

Perquimans High School rang down the curtain on its current basketball season by winning a double header from the boys and girls from Sunbury High School. The contests were played here last Tuesday night.

The high-flying Perquimans girls had little trouble in chalking up their final victory 35 to 16. Margaret Symons led the local girls in scoring, racking up 16 points. Marvina White, Mary Saunders, Marorie Winslow and Janice Yagel all had a hand in scoring the Squaw victory. Stokely Skinner and Dawson were best on defense for the local girls. Perquimans jumped into a 10-8 lead at the first period rest and moved to a four point lead at half time. Excellent defensive play by the Indan Squaws held Sunbury to four points during the second half, while the Perquimans team scored a total of 19.

In the boys' contest the Indians playing raggedly, had a see-saw battle on their hands which was not decided until the last 30 seconds of the game. Thach with 14 points led the Indians in scoring, followed by Walker and Sumner, who had seven points each. Hobbs with 10 points and Ward with 11 were high scorers for Sunbury.

Perquimans held a 7-6 lead at the close of the first period and the score at half time was 18-17. In the third period Sunbury hit for 11 points while Perquimans got nine and the visitors led at this point 28-27. Sunbury held its slim lead throughout most of the fourth quarter, being three points ahead with two minutes to go. Quick baskets by the Indians pushed Perquimans ahead 40 to 39 as the horn sounded ending the game.

Club Hears Talk On Civilian Defense

Silas M. Whedbee, chairman of Civilian Defense for Perquimans County, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford.

Mr. Whedbee briefly outlined the necessity for civilian defense programs and related progress being made in setting up an efficient organization in this county.

He told the Rotarians the chief obstacle in organizing for civilian defense was the American attitude toward advance planning for emergency situations.

Edenton Joins Virginia League

Edenton will be a member of the Virginia professional baseball league the coming season, according to an announcement made Tuesday by Dave Holton, president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, who stated arrangements had been made whereby Edenton will take over the league franchise surrendered by Hopewell.

Holton stated that the town has officially taken over the franchise and is now looking for players to make up the roster for the season. Edenton will receive seven players, formerly with Hopewell and will sign a sufficient number of players to fill the roster.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at eight o'clock. AH members are urged to be present.

Plans Progressing For Annual Meeting Saturday, March 31

Announcement was made here today by John Costen, manager of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, of the leasing of the Hollowell building on the Hertford-Edenton highway, as a site for offices and warehouse for the local REA. The building, until recently, had been leased by E. N. Miller and Son.

Mr. Costen stated that plans for construction of a new building here by REA have been shelved for the time being due to the uncertain conditions surrounding construction, and the securing of necessary building materials.

With the postponement of plans for the new building directors of the REA completed negotiations for leasing the Hollowell building, which is expected to provide ideal quarters for the REA. Mr. Costen stated the REA offices will be moved to the new site sometime between March 15 and March 30.

Meanwhile the REA manager and Board of Directors are proceeding with plans for holding the annual meeting of the Membership Corporation here in Hertford on Saturday, March 31, at which time directors for the organization will be selected for the year 1951-52.

A feature of the annual meeting this year will be the staging of a local talent show, with Charles Skinner, Jr., and Billy White acting as masters of ceremony. More than 20 entries for the show have been received already and many are expected from members of the corporation throughout the four counties comprising the REA unit.

Selection of the directors will be made by the REA members and nominated for the posts are the following: Perquimans County, Charles E. White, Floyd Mathews, A. T. Lane, Wade Jordan, Crafton Winslow; Camden County, J. W. Hastings, J. A. Whatehurst; Chowan County, J. A. Wiggins, John N. Bunch, Henry Jordan, W. J. Lowry; Pasquotank County, W. R. Loodwin, Tommie Temple, R. C. Hewitt, Joseph Harris and J. L. Sharber.

Red Cross Campaign Off To Good Start In Perquimans

Incomplete reports made to W. W. White, County Red Cross Campaign chairman, revealed the annual Red Cross drive is off to a fine start here in Perquimans County. Mr. White stated Wednesday at noon that reports from just three of the many solicitors in the area showed a total of \$521.05 had been collected toward the county goal of \$1,317.

"We have an excellent organization to conduct the campaign this year," Mr. White said, "and I believe we will be able to report our quota very shortly."

Assisting Mr. White in directing the Red Cross drive are Mrs. J. H. Bagley, Mrs. Nina B. White, J. H. Towe and J. H. Tucker, who is chairman of the colored division.

Solicitors have been urged to complete the canvass of their neighborhoods as soon as possible, although the drive runs through the entire month of March, the local Chapter is hopeful it can complete the 1951 drive before that date. Reports by individual solicitors should be made to their leader as soon as the canvass is completed and the public is urged to cooperate with the solicitors by making contributions when called upon the first time, thus saving the volunteer workers time and effort by doing away with return trips to the same homes.

Applications Being Taken For Insurance

Applications for crop insurance in Perquimans County are now being taken at the local FMAA Office, it was reported today by W. E. White, secretary of the P. M. A. Committee.

In a statement to local farmers issued this week, Mr. White urges each of them to call at the Agriculture Building for a correct picture of the program which offers low cost protection for the four basic crops, corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans. The FMAA committee is prepared to advise each farmer of the approximate amount of coverage and costs of premium to be paid.

All applications for crop insurance must be made by March 31, Mr. White reported.