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## County Being Considered As Site For New Location Of Highway Repair Shops

### Officials Now Studying Number Of Land Tracts For Project

Perquimans County is being considered as a possible site for a new location of the State Highway Repair Shops, for the First Division, it was learned this week. The shops, now located at Tarboro, will be moved some time in the near future, because the county in which they are located, is no longer a part of this District.

The matter of moving the repair shops has been under consideration since the reorganization of the State Highway Commission last month. Highway Commissioner J. Emmett Winalow, and other officials have been conducting a survey regarding a new location for the plant, and are considering at least two plots of land in this county as possible sites for the shops.

Unofficial sources report Perquimans County has an excellent chance of securing the shops, providing the land is made available and approved by the officials.

County residents are hopeful Perquimans will be chosen as the new location for the shops, inasmuch as securing of the project would mean an economic lift to the community. It has been estimated the shops will expend approximately \$100,000 per year, a major portion of it in this county.

It was also learned about 15 new families, employees of the shops, will move into this vicinity in the event the shops are located in this county.

In the event Perquimans is selected as the site for the shops, they will be located in almost the exact center of the new Highway Division. It has already been announced that district offices for this division will be located at Ahoskie, Elizabeth City and Plymouth.

## Bonner Urges Proper War Surplus Disposal

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner (D), North Carolina, calls for some advance planning and new thinking in handling any projected disposals of war surplus which might result from a Korean truce or peace.

In citing his study of the disposals following World War II, Congressman Bonner indicated that he was dismayed by the lack of policy, improvisation and slipshod methods which had characterized the program. Bonner emphasized that with the military supply lines to Korea clogged with a steady flow of material, any truce or peace would have the effect of depleting that pipeline, thereby adding mountains of stocks of unused materials to that already on hand in the theater. "What a tempting situation for fat profits by international scavenger syndicates," Bonner said.

It was against the activities of these surplus syndicates that Bonner warned in his outline of their activities following World War II. He showed that the circumstances in Korea after a peace would closely parallel the conditions in Germany, France, Italy, the Philippines and elsewhere in 1945. He added that a war-ravaged national life, a deflated currency and a prostrate industrial and commercial economy cannot be revived by any on the spot grants of our war surplus.

Bonner said if we want to recognize Korea for what it is—one battle in a war against Communism—we must stress the need for realistic policy and planning for redistribution of any Korean war surplus and equipment in the event of a truce or peace. Our war reserve stocks must be kept up to strength and we should be prepared for an orderly re-deployment of American surplus equipment to the other trouble spots in the world where the free nations are embattled. "The world today is that of 1946 with its optimism and unreasonable hopes . . . let's not learn our lesson twice," Bonner stated.

## F. F. A. Field Day Held At Belvidere

FFA members and Agriculture teachers, representing 10 counties of the First District gathered at Clarence Chappell's farm, near Belvidere, last Thursday to observe FFA projects carried out by Clarence Chappell, Jr., and to witness a demonstration on livestock showing, conducted by Tap Bennett, an education field representative from Georgia.

More than 50 FFA members and teachers attended the field day, and according to reports, had a big time inspecting the excellent projects carried out by Clarence Chappell, Jr. Mr. Chappell, Sr., served refreshments to the group at the close of the demonstration.

## Teachers To Attend Summer Sessions

Three members of the faculty of Hertford Grammar School are making plans to attend summer school classes, it was announced today by Miss Thelma Elliott, principal of the school.

Mrs. Eldon Winslow will attend classes at Woman's College, Greensboro, to take special training in first grade work; Miss Mildred Reed will attend East Carolina College to take special training in second grade work and Miss Louise Chalk, who comes to the local school from the Charlotte City System will attend East Carolina for 12 weeks after which time she will receive her master's degree.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

An announcement of an armistice in Korea is expected at any time now, according to reports from Korea, which state negotiators have agreed to major points concerning a truce. South Koreans continue to propose a war to unite the entire nation, but it is apparent the UN will settle for a stalemate. The truce talks have been conducted in secrecy for the past two weeks and only little information on the progress of the talks has been released to the public.

The United States will continue its military plans for defense in event of an armistice, according to Defense Secretary Wilson, who announced only slight cuts will be made in the size of the armed forces, and that U. S. troops will remain in Korea for at least six months. Armament plans of the U. S. will also be continued, the Secretary reported, on the present scale.

Nearly 200 persons are reported dead from tornadoes which struck Michigan, Ohio and Massachusetts on Tuesday. More than 1,000 were injured in the storms which caused millions of dollars worth of damage to property and farm crops. One-hundred twelve persons were killed at Flint, Mich., where the disaster was rated as the state's worst weather tragedy.

Despite recent advances by Communists in Italy, a record vote last Sunday, swept Premier de Gasperi's pro-American coalition government back into office. Winning of the election assured de Gasperi's party of at least 64 per cent of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies.

## Milton Dail Resigns As Chairman Of PMA

At a meeting of the Perquimans County PMA Committee Tuesday, Milton Dail offered his resignation as Chairman of the County PMA Committee, effective July 1. Under regulations recently released a vendor who furnishes materials and services under the purchase order plan is not eligible to serve as a County or Community Chairman. Mr. Dail has served the county long and well as a member of the committee and it is with regret that this resignation has to be accepted.

In tendering his resignation, Mr. Dail stated that his association with the members of the committee, office personnel and J. L. Keltan, Field Representative, had been most pleasing and he wished to express his appreciation for the fine cooperation received at all times.

John Q. Hurdle will fill the vacancy left by Mr. Dail as Chairman, Leonidas L. Lane will serve as Vice-Chairman and Freeman S. Long who was elected alternate to the committee will serve as a regular member.

## H. S. Baseball Team Feted By Rotarians

Members of the Perquimans High School baseball team, runners-up in the State Class A Championship playoffs, were dinner guests of the Hertford Rotary Club at the Hotel Hertford on Tuesday evening.

Charles Henc, president of the club, welcomed the players to the party and praised the team for its outstanding record during the past season.

The players were introduced to club members by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sgt. and Mrs. Ray Lamb announce the birth of a son, Victor Blane, born Sunday, June 7. Sgt. and Mrs. Lamb are now living at Cape Cod, Mass.

## Benefit Baseball Game Being Planned Friday, July 3rd

A benefit baseball game, with all proceeds going toward the purchase of an activity bus for Perquimans County white schools, will be played in Hertford, on Memorial Field, Friday night, July 3, according to plans now being formulated by members of the High School Monogram Club and the Hertford Jaycees, who will sponsor the event.

Plans call for the game to be played between the Perquimans Indians, runners-up for the State Class A Championship of 1953, and a team composed of alumni of the school.

Arrangements for the game, as yet, are not complete but the sponsors have contacted players of this year's school team, and all have agreed to play in the contest. Players in former years will be contacted during the next few days to complete a roster for the alumni team.

Positions on the alumni team are wide open and any former player on the Indian squad who desires to take part in the game, and aid the activity bus fund, is asked to contact Henry Stokes and give in his name as a possible player.

The sponsors are hopeful that they may be able to secure such former players as Billy Winslow, Billy Benton, Joe Towe, Jr., Clyde Stallings, Howard Pitt, Earl Winslow, John Ward, Hilton White, Emmett Elmore, Josiah Smith, Joe Nowell, Tracy Benton, Carl Winslow, Clyde Lane, Jack Symons, Vance Bright, Henry Stokes, Ray White and many others to make up the alumni team.

All proceeds from the game will go into the bus fund, which now stands at approximately \$2,800. Total cost of the bus will be \$3,500, thus about seven hundred more dollars are needed for the full purchase price.

## Committees Named For Central PTA

Memberships on the various committees for the Central Grammar School PTA for the next school year have been filled by Mrs. B. F. Bray, PTA president, it was reported this week.

Committee members are: Budget and Finance, Thomas Maston and Arvin Hudson; Membership, Miss Johnnie White; Study Group, Mrs. Floyd Matthews; Magazine, Mrs. Ralph Harrell; Program, Mrs. Ernest Morgan; Room Representative, Mrs. A. R. Cook and Publicity, Mrs. Graham Wood.

Ways and Means, Mrs. Russell Baker, Mrs. Ned Nixon, Mrs. Virginia Winslow and Mrs. Claude Williams; Art, Mrs. Joseph Winslow and Miss Lelia Lee Winslow; Historian, Mrs. Linford Winslow; Character and Spiritual, Mrs. Elijah White; World Citizenship, Mrs. Edwin White; Home and Family Life, Mrs. Percy Trueblood; By-Laws, Mrs. Ramsey Elliott; Goals, Mrs. Delvin Eure; Building Fund, Mrs. Eugenia Beck.

Safety, Mrs. Wendell Matthews; Publicity Book, Mrs. Annie Williams; Congress Publications, Mrs. Thelma Rogerson; School Lunchroom, Mrs. Edsie Benton, Mrs. Bertha Lane and Edsie White; School Grounds, Claude Williams, Floyd Matthews, Joel Hollowell and Arvin Hudson; Hospitality, Mrs. Eddie Harrell.

## County Students Receive Degrees

Perquimans County students completing their college work and receiving degrees during this month include Miss Pat Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris, a graduate of Duke University.

Miss Katherine Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmes, Richard Futrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Futrell and James M. Hollowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hollowell, were among the graduates of the University of North Carolina.

William Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Murray will receive his degree as Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, at exercises to be conducted Friday.

Alvah Bennie Crawford, son of the Rev. Bennie Crawford of 18 Railroad Avenue, Hertford, graduated from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee, recently.

## Three Year Cattle Test Starts June 15

Dr. Bradshaw, District Veterinarian from Windsor, will be in Perquimans County on June 15, to start making his three year test of cattle. He will be here for approximately a month. Leonard R. Sasser, Assistant County Agent, asked that anyone interested in having their cattle tested will please contact the Farm Agent's office as soon as possible.

## Peanut Association Studies Storage Problem At Meeting

A special meeting of peanut growers, of this area, was held at Winton last Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of discussing peanut storage plans for the 1953 crop and the advisability of constructing additional warehouse facilities.

The meeting was called by R. Flake Shaw, Farm Bureau Executive Vice President, at the request of the Board of the Growers Association.

Shaw, who has been negotiating for the past three months with officials of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, said he has obtained a ruling on the availability of government funds which may be borrowed for storage construction.

He pointed out that funds are available from the Commodity Credit Corporation for the construction of storage on a matching basis, provided the counties or individuals furnish 20 per cent of the initial cost. "This money will carry an interest rate of 4 per cent and is to be amortized over a period of five years," he said.

Shaw emphasized that sufficient peanut storage must be available for the 1953 crop if farmers are to take full advantage of the 90 per cent loan rate for basic commodities. "It is highly important that producers use the loan program, especially during the heavier stages of the marketing season," he declared.

The Farm Bureau chief said there is a substantial portion of the 1952 peanut crop now in storage and facilities for storing the 1953 crop "will be very scarce in certain areas unless steps are taken to provide additional space."

Representing Perquimans County at the meeting were Jacob L. White, Floyd Matthews and Leonard Sasser, Assistant Farm Agent.

## N. C. Cotton Crop Highest Since 1925

Final Census findings for the 1952 season indicate a North Carolina cotton crop of 569,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, according to the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service. This compares with 542,000 bales harvested last year, 181,000 bales in 1950 and the 10-year average of 523,000 bales. Based on the season average price to May 1 of 35.9 cents per pound the 1952 crop of lint is valued at \$102,097,000—the third highest since 1925. The 1951 crop was worth \$105,019,000—at an average of 38.75 cents per pound.

Cottonseed production from the 1952 crop totaled 239,000 tons. This compares with production of 228,000 tons last year, 75,000 tons in 1950 and 197,000 tons in 1949. Cottonseed from the 1952 crop is valued at \$17,017,000 based on the season average price of \$71.20 per ton. The combined value of lint and seed was \$119,114,000—slightly less than the \$120,797,000 value of the 1951 crop.

It is now estimated that there were 753,000 acres of cotton in cultivation in the State on July 1—42,000 acres more than were in cultivation July 1, 1951, and 14,000 acres more than the 10-year (1941-50) average July 1 acreage. There were 8,000 acres abandoned after July 1, leaving 145,000 acres harvested in the State during 1952. There were 702,000 acres harvested in 1951; 580,000 in 1950 and 880,000 in 1949. The 10-year average acreage harvested is 728,000 acres.

Yields from the 1952 crop averaged 366 pounds of lint per acre, compared with 370 pounds last year and the 10-year average of 341 pounds per acre.

The 1952 yield was 23 per cent below a full yield, according to reports from North Carolina growers. Reduction due to boll weevil was 9 per cent, deficient moisture 7 per cent, other climatic factors 5 per cent, plant diseases and other insects 1 per cent each. Loss to boll weevil was the lowest for several years and compares with 11 per cent in 1951, 54 per cent in 1950 and 27 per cent in 1949. Yields from the 1951 crop were reduced a total of 22 per cent; the 1950 crop 69 per cent, and the 1949 crop 44 per cent.

## Commission Gives Road Report For May

The State Highway Commission graded and paved 3.2 miles in Perquimans County during May.

State forces graded and paved a 16-foot pavement from intersection of the Beach Springs Road west and south to the Hertford-Tyrar Road, 5.5 miles west of Hertford. The project was financed by the secondary road bond program.

The First Highway Division brought a total of 48.29 miles of road work to completion during May.

## Proposed Budget For County During Next Fiscal Year Shows \$1.70 Rate

### Town Board Holds Routine Session

Hertford's Town Board met here last Monday night in a routine session, during which the usual fiscal matters were discussed and reports were heard on operational projects now under way.

The Board voted to join with members of the Fire Department in providing a steak fry for the firemen and their wives. No date was set for this event, but this will be worked out with the members of the fire department.

## Final Honor Roll For School Year Released Tuesday

Sixty two students were listed on the honor roll for sixth and final grading period at Perquimans High School, it was reported Tuesday by E. C. Woodard, school principal.

Winning scholastic honors during the grading period were:

Eighth Grade—Jo Ann Matthews, Mabel Frances Keel, Charles Johnson, Earl Dunsnoor, Murray Mac Elliott, Edward Lee Madre, Doris Morgan, Marcia Stallings, Jeanette Williams, Marion Kirk, Jessie Boyce, C. B. Chappell, Sandy Divers, Edgar Fields, Pat Harrell, Charles Whedbee, Ralph White, Lillian Ann Hoffler, Ann Jordan, Joyce Kirby, Iola Jane Winslow.

Ninth Grade—Wallace Baker, Cliff Towe, Judy Winslow, Charlie Umphlett, Marjorie Brinn, Janice Stallings, Annie Reed Stokely, Bobby Matthews, Jean Long, Jo Pat Stokes, Sarah Sutton, Lois Violet Winslow.

Tenth Grade—Daryl Allen, Ray Lane, Joseph Layden, Joseph Butt, Patricia Biggers, Barbara Edwards, Mary Frances Eure, Peggy Harrell, Joan Madire, Joanna Williford.

Eleventh Grade—Tilson Chappell, Hudson Fisher, Jeanette Chappell, Leo Dail, Ann Stallings, Linda Bergeron, Jean Butt, Margaret Harrell, John Morris.

Twelfth Grade—Marilyn Baker, Nettie Leo Long, Nan Ella White, Nina Jane Chappell, Hazel Trueblood, Dorothy Winslow, Glenda Lane, Kay White Stanton, Mabel Martin Whedbee, Mollie Lu Yeates.

## Two Local Youths Ship To Israel

Corbin Dozier and Fritz Wulf left Monday for Newport News, Va., where they have accepted a job aboard a ship sailing for Israel. The youths expect to be gone about five weeks. Dozier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Dozier and Wulf is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Wulf.

## Bethel Ruritan Club Observe Ladies' Night

Members of the Bethel Ruritan Club entertained their wives and a number of special guests in observance of the club's Ladies' Night on Thursday night of last week. The dinner was held in the Community House at Winfall.

J. T. Biggers was in charge of the program and he was assisted by A. H. Edwards, who conducted a number of stunts, and the Rev. C. W. Duling, who made a short talk.

## Four Cases Listed On Recorder Docket

Perquimans County's Recorder's Court had its lightest docket in months last Tuesday when only four cases were listed for trial. Several other cases, for which warrants were issued during the week, were set for hearing at a later date.

Cases heard during the session were those of Austin Watson, Negro, who submitted to a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford. He paid a fine of \$2 and costs.

Elijah White entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and he paid the costs of court.

Fred Revells, Negro, paid a fine of \$2 and costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk.

James Felton, Negro, was found guilty on charges of being drunk. He was sentenced to jail for one week, sentence to be suspended upon payment of court costs and the condition the defendant is not arrested on a drunk charge again within six months.

### VFW DANCE SATURDAY

The Garland H. Ownley Post of the VFW will hold a dance at the VFW hall Saturday night, June 13, welcoming home the college students of this community. The public is invited to attend.

## Expenditures Set At \$5,000 Less Than Current Year

Perquimans County's tax rate, for the fiscal year 1953-54, will be reduced by ten cents, from \$1.80 to \$1.70 per hundred valuation, according to a proposed budget published in this edition of The Weekly. The proposed budget calls for expenditures of \$230,035 during the 12 months beginning July 1.

Adoption of the budget is expected to take place at the meeting of the County Commissioners on July 6.

Comparing the proposed budget with last year's, the Commissioners propose to reduce the over-all expenditures by approximately \$5,000. Income expected to be received from sources other than ad valorem taxation amounts to \$102,535, leaving a total of \$127,500 to be raised through taxation.

Allocations to the various departments, making up the general county fund, for salaries, supplies, equipment, travel, and other expenses, are the following: County Commissioners, \$6,675; Listing Taxes, \$660; County Sheriff, \$3,677; Elections, \$900; County Accountant, \$2,075; Treasurer, \$1,000; Court House, Jail, \$3,510; Register of Deeds, \$1,090; Health Department, hospitalization and coroner, \$3,800; Farm Agent, \$5,372; Home Agent, \$2,120; District Health Department, \$6,672; Superior Court, \$2,100; Clerk Superior Court, \$1,920; Recorder's Court, \$5,647; Blind, \$1,176; F. S. A., \$45; Conservation, \$2,000; Library, \$1,020; Veterans Commission, \$1,200. Total expenditures for these departments amount to \$52,359.

Allocated for expenditures through the Poor Fund will be a total of \$9,000, broken down as follows: County home superintendent \$600, physician \$300; board, \$3,400; clothing, \$200; medical supplies, \$125; furniture and fixtures, \$300; building repairs, \$270; insurance on buildings, \$25; outside poor, \$200; burial expense, \$200; Sheriff's commissions, \$450; miscellaneous, \$275; telephone, \$60; electric power, \$220; tobacco, \$85; children's board home, \$840; aid to totally disabled, \$1,350.

Expenditures totaling \$43,500 have been allocated for the Debt Service Fund, from which \$41,325 will be used to pay off county bonds maturing during the year and sheriff's commissions amounting to \$2,175.

The county school system will operate on a total of \$46,148, with a total of \$26,250 of the amount coming in from taxation and the remainder coming from sources other than taxes.

Five-thousand, two-hundred fifty dollars has been allocated for the operation of the Welfare Department, \$4,500 for the county's part in providing old age assistance and \$1,500 for the county's share in providing aid to dependent children. State and Federal aid granted the county for these funds will total \$67,512.

## Lions Elect Harrell As Club President

New officers for the coming year were elected at a meeting of the Hertford Lions Club held last Friday night. Selected as the new president of the club was Charles M. Harrell, who will succeed J. T. Biggers. Other officers named were J. T. Lane, first vice president; W. S. Long, second vice president; E. C. Woodard, third vice president; Dan Berry, Lion Tamer; Joe Tunnell, Tail Twister; Sidney Blanchard, secretary, and Harry Winslow and Clinton Eley as directors.

The new officers will be installed at a meeting of the club next month.

## Bureau Considering Local Insurance Deal

Perquimans County Farm Bureau members met with the Farm Bureau from Chowan County on Friday night, June 5 to discuss the proposed automobile Insurance Program. The name of the proposed company is to be the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company.

It is to be a mutual participating, non-assessable company organized under North Carolina laws. The company is to be owned and controlled by Farm Bureau members through the State Farm Bureau board of directors. The purpose of this company shall be to provide full coverage policies on automobiles, farm trucks and personal liabilities of Farm Bureau members only.

Bill Little, State Farm Bureau field representative, will be at the Agricultural Building 5:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, June 12, to discuss with Farm Bureau directors the possibility of our Farm Bureau accepting this insurance.