

Board Of Education Rescinds Action In Transferring Grammar School Pupils

To Request Funds For Temporary Conversion Of Auditorium

In a special meeting, held here last Monday night, members of the Perquimans County Board of Education voted to rescind action taken at a previous meeting, calling for the transfer of seventh grade students of the Perquimans Central Grammar School to the high school building on a temporary basis.

Following this action the Board voted to request the Board of County Commissioners to allocate sufficient funds whereby the auditorium of the grammar school can be converted, temporarily, for classroom facilities to house the additional students enrolled at the school during the past few years.

Permanent plans for additional classrooms at the school, no doubt, will not be considered by the Board of Education until the final outcome of a proposed State school bond election is known.

In taking its action Monday night, the Board of Education considered recommendations made by the State School Planning Commission. In this report Floyd P. Barnes, State Engineer, reported conversion of the auditorium to permanent classrooms was not recommended, because the resulting rooms would not be standard, and the school auditorium, in its present state is ample size for a school with an enrollment of 600 students. Mr. Floyd, however, suggested, in order to relieve the overcrowded condition at the building the Board might convert the auditorium for temporary use as classrooms.

The Board of County Commissioners is expected to meet in special session to receive and consider the Board of Education's request for funds in order that the additional rooms may be made ready for the opening of schools in September. The costs of the proposed conversion has not been revealed.

J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools, also announced that the Board of Education has set the date of September 2, as the opening day of schools in this county, with a full day holiday scheduled for Monday, September 7, which is Labor Day.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Big Three foreign ministers' meeting in Washington was brought to a close this week with a proposal of another meeting this fall at which time Russia's foreign minister Molotov will be invited to attend for further discussion of world problems. At the close of the Washington meeting the Big Three announced the talks had led to agreement on unity of Germany, for taking a firm stand against Communism and existing policies in regards to Red China.

Governor William B. Umstead named Alton A. Lennon, of Wilmington, to represent North Carolina in the U. S. Senate, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Willis Smith. Lennon, 46, is an attorney, and served in the State Senate in 1947 and 1949. He was sworn in as U. S. Senator on Wednesday, being presented by Senator Clyde Hoey.

Russia has rejected an offer of the United States to furnish 15 million dollars worth of foodstuff for use in Eastern Germany. The offer was made following riots throughout the area, during which it was learned the uprisings were caused partly by the lack of sufficient food in the territory.

Bank To Install Night Depository

Depositors of the Hertford Banking Company will soon be supplied with additional service, at a nominal charge, which will provide added protection and convenience for the depositors. It was announced this week by R. M. Riddick, Jr., president of the bank.

The local banking company has purchased, and soon will install a night depository. Mr. Riddick said the equipment has arrived at the bank and is awaiting installation by workmen.

Depositors, cooperating with the service, will be provided keys and deposit bags, for use of the depository, and they will have the opportunity of depositing funds in the bank during hours when the bank is closed.

Survey On Cotton Program Started

The preliminary work necessary for acreage allotment and marketing quota programs on the 1954 crop of cotton was started this week as announced by Helene Nixon, County Office Manager, Perquimans County PMA. The cotton reporters will visit each cotton farm for the purpose of measuring the 1953 cotton acreage and obtaining data necessary for completing the Farm Acreage Reports.

The operators of farms on which cotton was planted in 1951, 1952 or both and not in 1953 will be requested to visit the county office for the purpose of completing their Farm Acreage Reports.

If marketing quotas are proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture on the 1954 cotton crop, the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended provides that insofar as practicable farm acreage allotments must be made in time to reach cotton producers before the referendum which must be held not later than December 15, 1953.

Lions Committees For Coming Year Named By Harrell

Committee appointments for the Hertford Lions Club during the coming year have been completed by Chas. M. Harrell, president of the club, and were announced at the last meeting of the club.

Committee memberships were announced by Mr. Harrell as follows: Attendance, C. T. Eley, J. S. Bass, L. B. Cobb; By-Laws, A. T. Lane, Sidney Blanchard, Claude White; Lions Education, R. R. White, N. N. Trueblood, Claude White; Finance, J. T. Lane, T. P. Bryum, E. C. Woodard; Convention, I. C. Yagel, J. T. Biggers, Norman Trueblood; Membership, W. S. Long, Jack Symons, Dan Berry.

Program, F. A. McGoogan, Joe Tunnel, J. T. Lane; Publicity, J. T. Biggers, C. T. Eley, Elton Hurdle; Agriculture, Dan Berry, Harry Winslow, C. R. Ward; Food, J. S. Bass, A. H. Edwards, Bobby Elliott; Boys' and Girls Work, Louis Tarkington, W. S. Long, H. T. Hollowell; Citizenship, Tom Byrum, Zach Robertson, Charles Ward.

Civic Improvement, A. H. Edwards, F. A. McGoogan, Louis Tarkington; Community Betterment, E. C. Woodard, I. C. Yagel, Bobby Elliott; Education, L. B. Sitterson, H. T. Hollowell, W. W. Trueblood; Health, Elton Hurdle, Paul Fisher, Bill Fowler; Safety, L. B. Cobb, Bill Fowler, W. W. Trueblood.

Sight Conservation and Blind, Dr. I. A. Ward, L. B. Sitterson, Zach Robertson; United Nations, Harry Winslow, W. D. Cox, Dr. I. A. Ward; Greeter, Jack Symons, R. R. White, Charles Williford; Initiation, Joe Tunnel, A. T. Lane and Charles Williford.

New System Set Up For Car Operators

The State Department of Motor Vehicles announced a new appointment system for driver license applicants which becomes effective this week.

Designed to banish long waiting periods, which have been a recurring complaint, the new system will permit examiners to schedule applicants at thirty minute intervals throughout the business day.

Fifteen minutes of the half-hour intervals will be reserved for appointments and the other fifteen minutes will permit examiners to serve waiting applicants.

Drivers after July 13 may call or write their nearest examining station and receive confirmation of their appointment. No appointments will be made more than three weeks in advance according to licensing officials.

Applicants are asked to arrive promptly for their appointments, otherwise examiners have been instructed to take a waiting applicant.

Examining hours run from 8:30 to 5:30 P. M.

Hertford Scout On Jamboree Trip

Bobby Mathews, a member of Hertford Troop 155, of the Boy Scouts, is one of seven Scouts from the Albemarle area attending the Third National Jamboree, now in session in California. Bobby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathews, left Thursday of last week, along with other Scouts from this area, for the national encampment.

Navy Explanation On Bombing Plans Appease Objectors

Large Crowd Attended Hearing Held Here Last Friday A. M.

In a public hearing, conducted in the Perquimans County Court House last Friday morning, Captain Fitzhugh Lee, representing the United States Navy, for the Fifth Naval District, explained the Navy's program concerning bombing operations in the Albemarle Sound, and apparently, appeased a large crowd of commercial and sport fishermen, who had filed objections to a proposed enlargement of the bombing range in the Sound.

The hearing was called by Col. R. C. Brown, District Engineer for the U. S. Corps of Engineers, of Wilmington to consider a Navy-proposed amendment to existing danger zone regulations in the Harvey Point area of the Sound.

Captain Lee denied assertions that Navy fliers have been using live ammunition in its practice bombing, and stated it was not the intentions of the Navy to use live ammunition during peace times. He explained reports of bomb explosions heard by fishermen, and residents of the area, might be confused with concussion which result when high-power jet planes break through the sound barrier.

Interested persons from three counties attended the public hearing and their objections were heard by the officials following the explanation given by Captain Lee. Carl Bailey, attorney of Plymouth representing commercial fishermen from Washington County, gave reasons for their objections as did the following list of local people: C. R. Holmes, attorney representing a number of fishermen from Perquimans County; R. M. Riddick, Charles Henc, representing the district Wildlife Clubs; V. L. Lloyd and Joseph Proctor, Mayor V. N. Darden and Tommy Gallop of the Elizabeth City Wildlife Club.

C. D. Kirkpatrick of Morehead City, represented the State Department of Conservation and Development and Eugene Schwall represented the State Wildlife Resources Commission at the hearing.

The Navy showed the 200 or more fishermen and others at the hearing the dummy missiles it said its flyers are using in the Albemarle area. One is a simulated mine which weighs about 100 pounds when filled with wet sand and the other a dummy bomb which weighs about 15 pounds both could and would do serious damage if hitting a person or a fishing boat, the Navy brass admitted.

Representative Herbert C. Bonner of the First North Carolina District, attended the hearing and declared at its end that he thinks it was wholesome and clarifying to those who had become rather apprehensive over the little known plans of the Navy.

Bonner said he had received "quite a number" of complaints from his constituents protesting Navy tactics and operations of Navy flyers in the Albemarle area. He said Navy officials told him at the Pentagon in Washington last Thursday that no live ammunition has been used or that the Navy has any plans to use any in the Albemarle Sound area.

Congressman Bonner had called the military officials' attention to a 1918 law passed by Congress in which that body said that full consideration should be accorded commercial fishermen properties commandeered for military purposes.

County Road Report Released For June

The State Highway Commission completed 5.9 miles of paving in Perquimans County during the month of June, Commissioner J. Emmett Winslow reported today.

State Highway Maintenance forces graded and paved a 16-foot wide road from Winfall northeast to the Chapin-Parkville Road for 5.9 miles. The project was financed by the secondary road bond program.

The old First Highway Division composed of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Bertie, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Edgecombe, Halifax, and Warren counties brought a total of 60.3 miles of road work to completion during June.

Under the new 14-division State Highway Commission, Perquimans remains in the First Division along with Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Tyrrell and Washington counties. Division headquarters are in Ahoskie. W. N. Sprull is the division engineer.

Defendant Waives Probable Cause Hearing By Recorder

Court Docket Lists Sixteen Cases At Tuesday Session

Sixteen cases were listed on the docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday. With several of the hearings contested the term ran over into the afternoon.

James Lee Collins, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, waived preliminary hearing of the charge and he was bound over for action by the grand jury at the October term of Superior Court.

Howard Passwater, Jr., submitted to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs. Pleas of guilty to charges of speeding were entered by James Wells, Edward Breedhear and Andrew Myrup, each of whom paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$25 and costs of court was levied against Charlie Harris, Negro, who submitted to charges of reckless driving.

Edward Handsbough, Negro, failed to appear in court to answer charges of possession of non-tax-paid liquor. His bond was ordered forfeited.

Leonard Keltner was found guilty on charges of allowing fraudulent use of his operator's license, resisting an officer and disorderly conduct. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of court. Gilbert Byrum was found guilty on charges of being drunk on the highway, resisting an officer and disorderly conduct. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$60 and costs. A companion, Clyde Thomas, charged with speeding and driving without a license entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$35 and costs of court.

Louis Stallings, charged with driving without a license, failed to appear in court and the warrant was ordered returned for service.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case in which Walter Davis, Negro, was charged with reckless driving.

Verdicts of not guilty were returned in the cases in which John Chappell and John Byrum were charged with trespass and disorderly conduct.

A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against Dillard Riddick, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk on a highway.

Edward Johnson, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of failing to observe a stop sign. He paid the costs of court.

Charlie Nixon, Negro, was taxed with the court costs after pleading guilty to charges of driving on the left side of a highway.

Boy Scouts Of East And West Albemarle Districts Combined

Meeting in Norfolk last week the executive board of the Tidewater Council voted to combine the East and West Albemarle Districts in North Carolina to form a single Albemarle District, which includes the seven counties north of the Albemarle Sound and east of Chowan River. The purpose of the consolidation is an effort to more effectively use the staff of the Tidewater Council.

Raymond F. Heck, Jr., will continue to serve the territory, and will have more time to devote to field work. Horace W. Coleman, chairman of the re-districting committee, says the matter of where to place the additional man in the 1954 budget was being studied.

Lester S. Sherrick, chairman of Darden Scout Reservation, reported a very successful first two weeks at Camp Darden this summer. He pointed out that the new rifle range was extremely popular, and that every boy was getting some training in the safe handling of fire arms.

The board accepted an invitation to hold its next meeting at Darden Scout Reservation on Friday, August 7.

The annual budget for the year 1954 of \$71,934 was unanimously adopted by the executive board. The 8 1/2 per cent increase provides for an additional field executive on the staff to help meet the ever-increasing boy population and resultant gross in Scout membership.

The average boy membership of the Tidewater Council for the first 6 months in 1953 is 7,054 as compared with 5,923 for the same period last year. This represents an increase of 19 per cent.

W. R. Moore, finance chairman, in presenting the recommendations of his committee, pointed out that this was strictly a minimum budget and represented absolute needs to meet the challenge of a growing youth population.

Town Board Postpones Action On Boat Launching Project Pending Conference

Set Tax Rate

The Town of Hertford will retain a tax rate of \$1.35 per hundred dollar valuation, the same as for the past fiscal year, it was reported at the Town Board meeting Monday night. The Board voted to adopt the \$1.35 rate tentatively, pending the annual audit of the town's books, to determine the expenditures of the past fiscal year.

During the meeting the Board appropriated the sum of \$100 to defray expenses of the delegates from the Hertford Fire Department, who attend the State Firemen's convention scheduled for August 18-20 at Carolina Beach. Bobby Elliott and Billy White have been designated to represent the fire department at the convention and Henry C. Sullivan will represent the board.

Rotary Committees For Local Club Announced Tuesday

Plans for the Hertford Rotary Club during the coming year were reported at a meeting of the club, held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford when Carroll R. Holmes, president of the club, announced committee appointments for the year.

Directors of the club head up the four main committees of Rotary, and each has a number of sub-chairmen directing activities of cooperating committees.

The Rev. Charles Wulf, vice president of the club, is chairman of the club service committee and serving under him are the following sub-committee groups: Attendance, Charles Henc; Membership, A. W. Hefren; Classification, C. P. Morris; Program, Chas. Wulf; Fellowship, V. N. Darden; Magazine, W. F. Ainsley; Publicity, Max Campbell; Rotary Information, W. H. Oakey.

Henry C. Sullivan is chairman of the vocational service committee and serving with him are J. R. Futrell as chairman of Buyers and Sellers Committee and J. Emmett Winslow, chairman of Employers-Employees Relations.

Max Campbell is chairman of the community service committee and his co-chairmen are Rural-Urban relations, D. S. Darden; Safety, Dr. A. B. Bonner; Youth, Bob Hollowell, Industry, V. N. Darden.

Charles Henc is chairman of the club's International Service Committee, and serving with him on this committee will be Dr. C. A. Davenport, E. L. Winslow and W. H. Oakey.

It was announced that the club will sponsor a community service project on July 28, when a program and film on atomic warfare will be shown in the council room of the municipal building, and which will be open to the public. Arrangements for the program are being made by Charles Henc and further announcements on the program will be released later.

Parrish Rites Held Last Saturday P. M.

Alexander J. Parrish, 75, died on Thursday of last week at his home near Hertford. He was a native of Chowan County but had lived for a number of years in Perquimans. He was the son of Andrew and Carolina Ward Parrish and the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Copeland Parrish. He was a member of the Great Hope Baptist Church.

Surviving besides his wife are a foster son, Alexander Trueblood of Washington and three brothers, Joe and James Parrish of Norfolk and Carey Parrish of Edenton.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. Chandler, pastor of the Great Hope Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Duling and the Rev. Mr. Phillips.

Pallbearers were J. P. Perry, Dr. I. A. Ward, Tobe Mansfield, Archie T. Lane, Elmer Rogerson, Joe Layden, L. B. Perry and Preston Rogerson.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Due to the absence of Walker Perry, minister of Berea Church of Christ, who is away on vacation, the sermons, morning and evening, will be delivered this Sunday, July 19, by Norman Miller, a student minister of Roanoke Bible College. Everyone is invited.

Church Street Residents Oppose Lease Of Punch Alley Site

There is bitter opposition on the part of residents of Church Street to the Town of Hertford leasing the water front property on Punch Alley to the Wildlife Resources Commission for the purpose of erecting a boat launching facility for the use of sport fishermen.

Protesting that such a project erected in the heart of a residential section will not only constitute a nuisance but will devalue their property, a number of those living closest to the proposed boat ramp facility appeared before the Board of Town Commissioners at its regular meeting Monday night.

Walter G. Edwards, local attorney, opened the discussion by informing his hearers that he had been retained to represent property owners adjacent to the town property. After calling attention to the irrevocable damage which would be suffered by the residents of Church Street if the facility is located at the proposed site, Mr. Edwards stated that if the town officials decided to take the step over the protests of the opposition, they would be inviting a law suit.

There is a strong feeling among the group of citizens who would be directly affected by such a facility at this particular point, that none of those taking the initiative in promoting the project live near the area which will be vitally affected, and that they have a right to expect their governing board to protect their interests, even though they are a minority group.

Others who spoke in opposition included Max Campbell, James Evert Newby and Mrs. Viola D. Nachman.

A group including Charles Henc, Sam Hourmouzis, Charles Ford Sumner, Lloyd Dail, Dr. A. B. Bonner, Bill Elliott, W. H. Pitt and Julian White spoke in favor of the project.

Stating that he was speaking as a citizen and not in his capacity as attorney to the board, Chas. E. Johnson called attention to the fact that if the Wildlife Commission required a long-term lease from the Town, it should be remembered that the Town would be relinquishing all rights to handle or control the facility.

Following this hearing the Board went into its regular business session, and while it took no definite action on the matter, it did, however, vote to request a conference with the Wildlife officials to learn full details of the proposed project and the type and length of lease sought by the Commission.

An official of the Wildlife Resources Commission came back to Hertford Tuesday morning to learn of any decision taken by the Board at its meeting Monday night, and this official advised Mayor V. N. Darden the Commission required a 99-year lease for installation of such a facility as being proposed.

It was learned there is some doubt on the part of town officials as to the wisdom of leasing the proposed site for such a length of time, and this official is expected to return to Hertford on Thursday at which time definite action toward the matter will be taken between the Town Board and the Wildlife Commission.

Ayscue-Elliott Vows Spoken July 11

Miss Minnie Marie Elliott and Alton Ray Ayscue were united in marriage Saturday, July 11, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ayscue.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott of Great Bridge, Va., graduated from Great Bridge High School this year and is now employed at a bank in Norfolk. Mr. Ayscue is a graduate of Perquimans High School and is also employed in Norfolk.

The Rev. J. R. Byerly of Powells Point, officiated at the wedding.

The bride wore a dress of white net over taffeta, with a high collar, cap sleeves and ballerina-length skirt. She wore white accessories and her corsage was a white orchid.

Mrs. James Thomas Hall, matron of honor, wore a ballerina-length dress of pink nylon with matching accessories. Her corsage was a purple orchid.

James Thomas Hall was best man. The bride's mother wore a dress of blue nylon with white accessories, and the bridegroom's mother wore a blue taffeta dress with black accessories.

The living room of the home, scene of the wedding, was decorated with colorful gladioli, babybreath, asters, fern and other cut flowers.

Following the ceremony the couple was entertained at a cake cutting at the bridegroom's home, after which the couple left on a short wedding trip to Asheville.