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Highway Commissioner Reveals Number Of Road Projects Scheduled For County

Causeway Improvement Now Underway; 3 Road Projects Ahead

Several important road projects have been scheduled for Perquimans County within the near future, according to J. Emmett Winslow, Highway Commissioner for this district, who announced today highway employees have already started preliminary work on a project to improve the causeway just north of Hertford.

Plans for this project call for the leveling of the roadbed, and a new surface to be placed over the present one. The sharp curve near the bridge will be banked somewhat to provide additional safety. Forms were being installed this week and work on the project is expected to get underway next week.

The improvement of the causeway, which carries the heaviest traffic load of any highway spot in the Albemarle area, has been approved not only because of the condition of the roadbed but to increase safer driving conditions on this stretch of road which is now considered somewhat as a hazard.

Mr. Winslow also announced that highway No. 37 will be widened from the north end of the causeway to Winfall, and alternate 17, from Winfall to the shortcut will also be widened.

Improvement projects are also scheduled for the road through Mt. Pleasant community, located in Parkville Township, and Bay Branch Church road in Belvidere Township.

At the present highway employees are engaged in the prospect of widening Church Street in the Town of Hertford and the work on this project is progressing on schedule.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Fred Vinson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, died early Tuesday morning in Washington following a heart attack. Vinson served in Congress 14 years prior to being appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court. Washington is speculating over a successor who will be named by President Eisenhower. Named as likely appointees to the Court are Gov. Warren of California and Gov. Dewey of New York.

Konrad Adenauer, 77-year-old chancellor of West Germany, and regarded as friendly to West Powers, was re-elected to high office in German elections held last Sunday. The victory by the Adenauer party was termed as a vote of approval of the pro-American policies advocated by the Chancellor who has headed West German government during the troubled years since 1945.

Five-hundred and forty-seven Americans lost their lives during the Labor Day week-end, according to a report issued by the National Safety Council. Four-hundred and five died in traffic accidents, 70 were drowned and 99 succumbed from other accidents. Of the toll 15 deaths were listed for North Carolina.

High Commissioners for the Korean Armistice met this week to iron out some problems which were raised during the exchange of prisoners of war. The United Nations charge the Communists still hold a number of UN prisoners and are demanding the return of these men. Meanwhile in the United Nations work on the peace treaty plans are still in progress and the U.S. has been asked to confer with other principals concerning a site for the conference.

Rotarians Hear Talk On Paris Convention

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club heard an interesting report on Rotary's International Convention held in Paris, France early in May, when William R. Maul, secretary of the Norfolk, Va., club was the guest speaker on the club program last Tuesday night.

Mr. Maul related details of his trip to Paris as a delegate representing the Norfolk Club. He gave a vivid description of site-seeing trips made in England while enroute to Paris and told of some of the economic situations existing in England.

He outlined the agenda of the convention to the Hertford Rotarians explaining how the convention of some 10,000 delegates was divided into small groups in order that each delegate might learn more of the principles concerning Rotary.

Mr. Maul was introduced to the local club by Dr. C. A. Davenport, program chairman for the meeting.

Home Agents Give Data On State Fair

Miss Kimsey Perry, Home Demonstration Agent, announced today that the dates for the N. C. State Fair are October 20 through the 24th.

In connection with the fair Miss Perry made the following statement: "People in Perquimans County have a good chance to win a part of the premium money that will be given away at this fair. Last year we had several exhibits which won prizes. This year we would like to have many more prizes coming to Perquimans. There is quality canned goods available in the county, and we are especially interested in sending some good pickles. There are many people in the county who do good art work and should enter something at the fair."

Entry blanks may be secured from the Home Agent's office. Catalogs may be secured by writing to Dr. J. S. Dorton, Manager N. C. State Fair, Box 1386, Raleigh, N. C.

Perquimans Polio Committee Votes \$1,500 To Foundation

The executive committee of the Perquimans chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, at a called meeting last Friday night, voted to send the national foundation \$1,500 from local funds. The action was taken on a request from the National Foundation for local chapters to aid in wiping out a deficit created during the current year.

Each local chapter of the Foundation was asked to send national headquarters one half of the amount contained in local treasuries, to help meet the expenses incurred during the year in carrying out advance research and building up supplies of gamma globulin.

James E. Newby, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter, told the executive committee the National Foundation deficit for 1953 is running close to \$1,000,000, and national officials hope to wipe out most of this deficit through additional contributions from local chapters.

Comprising the Perquimans committee are Mr. Newby, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Silas M. Whedbee and Max Campbell.

Charles Skinner, Jr. Named Court Clerk

Charles Skinner, Jr., a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, has been appointed to succeed C. C. Banks as clerk of the Perquimans County Recorder's Court. Skinner was named to the position by the Board of County Commissioners in session here last Monday.

The appointment, to become effective September 15, is for the unexpired term of Mr. Banks which runs until December, 1954.

The new clerk of the Recorder's Court is a graduate of Perquimans High School and attended Louisburg College for two years, during which he completed a commercial course. He was a member of the U. S. Marine Corps during the two recent wars.

Legion Auxiliary In Meeting Friday

The American Legion Auxiliary met last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Elda Webb, with Mrs. Elizabeth Hasskett as joint hostess. During the business session, which was presided over by the president, Mrs. Helen Skinner, the Auxiliary voted to donate \$25 to the Jaycee bus fund, \$10 to the lay nursery at Otzen and \$5 to the Martha Claverly Fund.

Miss Myrtle Williams and Miss Margaret Ann Banks gave a splendid report on Girls' State, which they attended at Greensboro, as representatives of the local auxiliary. Mrs. Lesbie White then gave an interesting talk on music.

Perfect attendance gifts were presented to Mrs. Minnie Miller and Mrs. Helen Skinner by Mrs. Webb, who also had a perfect attendance record during the past year.

The hostesses served refreshments to those attending the meeting. Present were Mrs. Elizabeth Skipsey, Mrs. Madge Towe, Mrs. Blanche Berry, Mrs. Blanche Kanoy, Mrs. Ethel Perry, Mrs. Grace Morris, Mrs. Naomi Banks, Mrs. Elsie Gregory, Mrs. Thelma Hollowell, Mrs. Lesbie White, Mrs. Minnie Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Hasskett, Mrs. Elda Webb and Mrs. Helen Skinner.

Labor Officer Gives Pointers On Laws Regarding Children

Minors under 16 years of age may not legally be employed in harvesting cotton, peanuts or other agricultural crops while school is in session, State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford said today.

Citing the child labor requirements of the Federal Wage and Hour Law, Shuford said that such employment of minors on farms where the crops are shipped out of the State is legal only during the hours when school is not in session or if the child is employed by his parent or guardian.

"There is no restriction on the employment of children in agriculture, regardless of their ages, before or after school hours or on holidays," Commissioner Shuford stated. "The controlling factor for employment of minors under 16 is whether the schools are in session in the district where the child lives while employed. Even if an under-age minor having good grades is excused from attending school, it would nevertheless not make his employment legal during school hours."

The Labor Commissioner pointed out that the law sets no limit as to wages to be paid or number of hours that may be worked by agricultural child labor, providing the work is done outside school hours.

Responsibility for compliance with the child labor provisions of the Federal Wage and Hour Law rests with the farmer, he said, regardless of who does the actual hiring of the children. He explained that prospective employers of children of doubtful age can protect themselves from unintentional violation of the law by having on file proof of age of each employed minor. Age certificates may be obtained by the prospective employee from the local Public Welfare Superintendent, he said.

Board Tables Action Hiring Farm Agent

After being advised at their meeting last Monday that Max Chestnut, named to fill the post as Farm Agent in Perquimans, had declined the appointment, members of the Board of County Commissioners tabled action on hiring another agent until the next meeting of the Board.

C. S. Mintz, District Supervisor for the Extension Service, advised the Board that there are four applicants for the local job as farm agent, but the local Commissioners were reluctant to pass upon the matter at their meeting this week.

Members of the Board expressed the desire to fill the vacancy with a man capable of carrying out the duties to the best interests of the entire county, and stated they wanted additional time to study the situation.

Meanwhile, the local extension service office is being handled efficiently by Ralph Sasser, Assistant Farm Agent.

Hertford Lions Host To District Officer

Members of the Hertford Lions Club had as their guests at their meeting last Friday night, Ben Courtney of Williamston, Deputy District Governor and C. E. Peckham of Plymouth, Zone Chairman for this zone.

During the business session which was presided over by Charles M. Harrell, president of the club, the Lions voted to contribute \$100 to the Jaycee activity bus fund. It was reported \$80 was netted by the club through its recent light bulb sale.

Prior to the close of the meeting, Mr. Courtney spoke briefly on the ideals of Lionism, basing his remarks on the subject, "Why I Am A Lion." He urged members of the local club to live up to the ideals to help make a better community in which they live.

Polio Case Reported By Health Department

Perquimans County's first polio case of this year was reported this week by the District Health Department. The victim being William Wayne Brown, 20, who became ill August 25. Brown was removed from Chowan Hospital to the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Va. The Health Department reported little if any permanent damage is expected to result from the attack.

TO SPONSOR SUPPER
The Perquimans Business & Professional Woman's Club will have a barbecue supper at the Hertford Grammar School lunch room on Thursday night, September 17 at 6 o'clock.

Tickets may be bought from any club member.

Fifteen Cases On Recorder's Docket Here Wednesday

A total of fifteen cases were listed on the docket of the Perquimans Recorder's Court, in session here last Wednesday morning, with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding.

Fines of \$10 and costs were assessed against William Mason and Paul Waldrop, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding. William Saunders, John Mac White and Albert Zakuntzy entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court.

Lorenzo Harris, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs after submitting to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

Samuel Hemphill was fined \$15 and costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

A motion for non-suit was allowed by Judge Johnson in the case in which Charlie Crain was charged with abduction. Crain was found guilty on a charge of trespassing. A 30-day road sentence was suspended upon payment of the court costs, by Crain, and upon condition Crain remained away from the home of Robert Morse, Jr., for a period of two years.

Sam Walker, charged with driving without a license, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Costs of court were taxed against Ellen Banks, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

Tom Ambrose entered a plea of guilty to being drunk and disorderly. Prayer for judgment was continued in the case upon the condition Ambrose moved out of Perquimans County within one week.

Thomas Parson, Negro, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

Bob Overton submitted to a charge of driving with no lights, and paid the costs of court.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the hearing in which William Askew, Negro, was charged with assault.

I. M. Turner paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to passing a vehicle on a curve.

Announce Penalty Rate On Peanuts

The penalty rate on excess peanuts of the 1953 crop has been announced as 5.9 cents per pound on the excess acreage.

The average support price for peanuts is \$237.60 a ton which figures at 11.88 cents a pound. The penalty is 50 per cent of the support price to the nearest tenth of a cent.

In cases where the farmer has excess acreage which he intends to harvest the penalty rate will be converted according to the percentage in excess and the penalty applied on the entire crop. Farmers with excess acreage will receive a penalty marketing card and will not be eligible for advance loan under the government support program.

Calvin G. Colson Dies In Accident

Calvin Gilbert Colson, 25, died last Saturday at 6 P. M., after an automobile accident near Shiloh.

Details of the accident were lacking. He was reported riding with friends when the car left the road and went into a ditch.

He was a native of Perquimans County and a resident of Hertford, Route 3. He was a son of Paul M. Colson, Sr., and Viola Langley Colson and a member of the New Hope Methodist Church. He had served in the United States Air Force for four years.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Willie D. Colson and Paul M. Colson, Jr., both of Hertford, Route 3.

Health Department To Be Closed Friday

The Perquimans Health Department office will be closed all day Friday, September 11, it was reported this week by Dr. B. B. McGuire, Health Officer, who stated the personnel of the local office will attend the meeting of the N. C. Public Health Association at Nags Head September 10, 11 and 12.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Two County Boards Pass Resolutions Approving School Bond Issue Program

Registration Books Opened In County

R. C. Murray, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Election, reminded Perquimans voters this week that registration books are now open for the special election to be held October 3, to determine the proposal to issue \$50 millions for new school buildings and \$22 millions for improvements to State hospitals.

Persons who have become eligible to vote since the last election, but who are not listed on the registration books, must register in order to be eligible to vote. Registrars will be at the regular polling places throughout the county on Saturday, October 12 and 19 for the purpose of registering voters.

An individual who is already listed in the books need not register again in order to participate in the special election.

Indians To Open Football Season Friday, Sept. 18th

Football is in the air at Perquimans High School where Coach Ike Perry's Indians are awaiting the first game of the season, to be played Friday night, September 18 on Memorial Field with the Chowan College Jayvees scheduled as opponents.

Since the opening of school last week the Indian squad has been growing and is now composed of 30 players, who are practicing daily for the season ahead.

The practice drills are under the direction of Coach Perry and his assistant Ab Williams, who report the Indians are rapidly rounding into form for the opening contest. Thus far Linesmen Daryl Allen, Cliff Towe, Eddie Overton, Wayne White and Melvin Williams are showing up fine in practice while the backfield will be made up of John Morris, Howard Williams, Paul Mathews and Stanley Pierce.

Despite hard practice sessions the players have come through without injuries and the entire squad is reported ready for the opening game a week from tonight.

Couple Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mathews of RFD 3, Hertford, who were married fifty years on Sunday, September 6, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on that day at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Mathews, with all of their children and their families present, in addition to a number of other guests.

A picnic dinner was served on the lawn, after which the three-tiered wedding cake, featuring golden decorations, was cut by the honorees. A variety of gold colored garden flowers were used in the decorations.

Those present included, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Mathews and family, Mr. and Mrs. Crafton Mathews and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Mathews and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie White and family of Murfreesboro, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mathews, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lane and family, Mrs. Herbert Eure, Mrs. S. P. Mathews, Mrs. Bessie Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thach, Jr.

Court House Heating System Being Installed

A new central heating system for the Perquimans County Court House, approved by the County Commissioners several months ago, is now being installed in the building by W. H. Lane & Son, successful bidders for the contract.

The boiler for the system has been installed in the new boiler room next to the jail, and W. H. Lane states installation of the entire system is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

More Accidents Occur On Straight Roads

The straight and narrow path can lead to trouble! Seventy-seven per cent of the fatal motor vehicle accidents last year occurred on straight roads, according to the 1953 edition of "Accident Facts," the National Safety Council's statistical yearbook.

Unfavorable road conditions, such as a wet, muddy, snowy or icy surface, were reported in only one out of five fatal accidents.

County Commissioners Approve Plans For Health Center

Members of the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution during their meeting here last Monday approving the passage of the school bond issue proposal to be decided in a special election to be held on October 3.

Previously, the Perquimans Board of Education passed a similar resolution recommending the adoption of the program by county voters.

Other matters handled by the Commissioners during their meeting included the approval of architect's plans for the construction of a new health center. Bids on the construction of this building are to be opened at a special meeting of the Commissioners, to be held in the Court House on Friday, September 18, beginning at 10 A. M.

The Board was advised Sheriff M. G. Owens had turned over to the County Accountant tax receipts and liens certificates on the sale of 1952 delinquent taxes in the amount of \$7,100.44.

Commissioner R. L. Spivey was authorized to secure competitive bids for the installation of a water softener at the County Home and to oversee the installation of the softener.

Three petitions presented to the Board requesting improvement to roads in the county were approved subject to final decision by the State Highway Commission.

Rites Held Monday For Mrs. E. Colson

Mrs. Emma Laura Colson, 69, died at her residence, Hertford, Route 3, Saturday at 10:15 A. M., after a long illness.

She was a lifelong resident of Perquimans County, the daughter of Steve and Sophie Jackson Godfrey, and was a member of the Woodville Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, John R. Colson; two daughters, Mrs. George C. Donald of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Edna Parker of Charlotte; three sons, Melvin J. Colson of Hertford, Route 3, Bruce A. Colson of Norfolk, and Willard H. Colson of Elizabeth City; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Tillett of Bogart, Ga., and Mrs. Elmire Layten of Hertford, Route 2; a brother, Abe Godfrey of Hertford, Route 3; 13 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday at 2 P. M., at the Toxey, Berry and Lynch Funeral Home in Elizabeth City.

Coast Guard Is Again Taking Applications

For the first time since last March the U. S. Coast Guard is accepting applications from young men for enlistment, recruiting officials have announced.

Enlistments were closed in March when the Coast Guard reached its authorized strength, but now because of increasing monthly quotas, applicants from all over the Fifth Coast Guard District (Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina) are being sought.

Boatswain Carl K. Scarborough, USCG, the Fifth District's recruiting officer in Norfolk, Va., said that waiting lists of recruit applicants, compiled during the quota-less summer months, will probably be exhausted in about two months and wants new men to get on the lists now.

To qualify for a Coast Guard 4-year enlistment, applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25, in good health and pass the Armed Forces Qualification Test.

After being signed up, recruits are sent to the Coast Guard Receiving Center at Cape May, N. J., where they go through 13 weeks of intensive boot training.

They are assigned to Coast Guard cutters, shore stations or service schools upon graduation from Cape May.

Boatswain Scarborough also said that Coast Guard Organized Reserve units, which meet one night a week at Baltimore, Md.; and Morehead City and Wilmington, N. C., are looking for new recruits and ex-servicemen.

Men wanted for the units must be between 17 and 18 or over 26 with prior military service.

The enlistment period is for three years. Boatswain Scarborough stated that many rates are open in both the regulars and reserve for ex-servicemen.