

County Commissioners Adopt Budget And Set Tax Rate At Meeting Monday

Board To Investigate Retirement Plan For County Employees

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans, meeting in regular session last Monday, officially adopted its proposed budget for the fiscal year 1954-55 and set the county tax rate at \$1.65 per hundred dollar valuation. This is a five cent reduction in the tax rate as compared to the last fiscal year.

Other matters handled during the meeting Monday included a motion passed renewing a termite protection contract for the agriculture building.

County Attorney Silas M. Whedbee made a report on the progress of work in collection of tax liens due Perquimans County, and which under the law must be collected by December 1, 1954. The Board discussed the possibilities of cooperating with a plan which will provide a retire system for county employees, and authorized C. Edgar White to invite a representative of the State office to meet with the Board at its next meeting for the purpose of advising and informing the Commissioners as to the details and costs of various plans.

Action on a discussion of accumulative annual leave for county employees was tabled until the next meeting of the Board.

The Board discussed at some length plans for landscaping the site of the new Public Health Building, but tabled definite action on the matter pending further investigation as to costs and materials to be used.

Bids, received for furnishing the county kerosene and fuel oil for one year, were opened and successful bids were made by Reed Oil Company for kerosene and Towe Oil Company for fuel oil.

It was announced during the meeting the annual convention of the Association of County Commissioners will be held at Wrightville Beach August 15 through 18, and a number of the members of the local Board signified intentions of attending the convention.

Wildlife Film To Be Shown Friday

Members of Perquimans County Wildlife Club and Sportsmen of the area are invited to see a movie "Better Fishing," to be shown at the Court House Friday night at 8 o'clock, July 9th. "Better Fishing" is a sound-color film telling the story of warm-water fish management in North Carolina. It deals with the problems facing the fishermen of the State and the solutions to those problems. Included in the picture are some of the most remarkable North Carolina fishing scenes ever filmed.

Proctor-Morgan Vows Spoken Sun. At Bethel Church

Miss Lina Ruth Proctor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Proctor, Hertford, Route one, and James Preston Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgan, Hertford, Route two, were united in marriage in a simple ceremony performed June 27, at five o'clock at the Bethel Baptist Church.

Rev. D. J. Stoner, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony in a setting of palms, ferns and white floral flowers.

During the ceremony Johnny Phillips sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because," and Edward Jordan sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. I. C. Yagel was the accompanist at the piano.

Miss Marsha Proctor and Vance Joyner, niece and nephew of the bride, lighted the candles. They were dressed in white. Carolyn Morgan was flower girl and Douglas Umphlett was ring bearer. They were also dressed in white.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina length gown of white embroidered organdy. It was styled with an off-shoulder effect with mita of the same material as the dress and a small hat of white with lilies of the valley. She carried a white Bibis, given to her by the groom, topped with white feathered carnations with satin streamers.

Miss Selma Dean Lane was maid of honor. She wore a street length dress of white organdy over a pink slip with a high neckline and cuff sleeves. At her shoulder she wore a corsage of pink carnations. Her hat was of white ruffled net.

Bridesmaids were Myrtle Williams, Margaret Harrell, Joanne Lane, Katherine Ann Ward, Louise Chappell of Hertford and Betty Handbury of Norfolk. They wore dresses of pastel shades and carried white handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Jack Joyner, sister of the bride, was mistress of ceremony. She wore a dress of blue trimmed with pearls and white accessories. Her flowers were pink carnations.

The bride's mother wore a white lace dress with white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The mother of the bridegroom wore a pink linen dress with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

After the ceremony a small reception for the wedding party was given at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Proctor.

For traveling the bride wore a white suit with white accessories and the carnation corsage lifted from the Bible.

Ushers were E. J. Proctor, Jr., brother of the bride and Seth Morgan, brother of the bridegroom.

Building & Loan To Mature Stock Sat.

The Hertford Building and Loan Association will mature its 55th series of Savings stock on Saturday, July 10, it was announced today by A. W. Hefren, president of the Association.

Mr. Hefren stated the stockholders' owning shares in this series of stock will receive \$11,100; each share being matured at a par value of \$100.

The local Building and Loan Association, according to Mr. Hefren, is having one of the best years since it was organized, with total assets at the close of last month of \$124,230.64. The Association pays in excess of 4 per cent simple interest on its saving stock.

Revival Services Begin At Woodland Methodist Church

Revival services at Woodland Methodist Church will begin on Monday, July 12, at 8 P. M., and continue nightly through Friday. The Rev. Hubert E. Ashmore, pastor of Olivet Methodist Church, Mantos, will be the visiting evangelist. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Board Of Education Sets September 1st For Opening Schools

Superintendent Says Two Vacancies Still Exist On Faculty

A calendar for Perquimans County schools for the 1954-55 term was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Education, held Tuesday night in the office of the superintendent of schools.

According to the calendar county schools will begin the new term on Wednesday, September 1, and the first holiday will fall on the following Monday, which will be Labor Day. A two-day vacation will be observed for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays will start at noon on December 22 and continue through January 2. Other business handled during the board meeting included the transfer of Willie Y. Williams, a member of the Perquimans Training School faculty last year, to the faculty of the King Street School.

The Board approved bus routes, affecting students residing in the northwest part of the county, as submitted at the meeting. These routes, according to Superintendent Biggers, must now be approved by the State Board.

Mr. Biggers advised the Board two vacancies still exist in the faculty for white schools, but it was hoped these positions will be filled within a short time.

A discussion was held on the progress of cleaning and repair work, usually carried out during the summer months, at the various schools in preparation for the opening of the new term this fall.

The Board discussed at some length plans and specifications for the construction project at the Central Grammar School, and it was announced to the Board members that bids for this project will be opened at two P. M., on Tuesday, July 20.

The project calls for the construction of four additional classrooms and a library for the school located at Winfall.

Changes Announced In ASC Regulations

A farmer may serve only three consecutive terms as a County or Community Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee member, under regulation revisions recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

An exception to this rule is where all three members of the present County Committee have already served three consecutive terms explains Leonidas L. Lane, chairman of the Perquimans County ASC Committee. In such a case, one member is eligible for election to an additional term.

Other major changes provided by the new regulations will: (1) Create county and community boards which will conduct the annual elections of the committees; (2) prohibit officials of general farm organizations from serving as members of County ASC Committees; (3) prohibit County Committee members from acting as sales agents or employees of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, as marketing quota review committees, and as employees of County Offices.

In announcing the revised regulations, Secretary Benson said that they are designed "to strengthen farmer control of local program administration, to stimulate more extensive farmer participation in community elections, and to encourage more farmers to serve as Community and County Committee members."

13,838 Traffic Law Violations In May

State Highway Patrolmen arrested 13,838 traffic law violators in May including 647 drunken drivers.

The arrest figures and other patrol activities were released in a regular monthly summary.

For May troopers reported they inspected 89,624 vehicles, investigated 7,467 complaints, issued 8,514 warning tickets and spot inspected 167,130 drivers' licenses.

They investigated 2,056 wrecks in which 64 persons were killed and 785 injured. Troopers traveled 1,837,224 miles on routine patrols and burned 123,627 gallons of gasoline.

The May report showed court fines collected in the amount of \$173,251.52 and costs \$147,730.14.

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 and a cordial invitation is extended visiting Masons.

Perquimans Edges Elizabeth City In Game Here Monday

Rocky Hock And Edenton To Play Here Next Wed.-Thurs.

About 500 baseball fans were treated to an excellent game played here last Monday when Perquimans Indians edged the Elizabeth City team by a score of 4 to 3, behind Vernon White's five hit pitching.

It was the fifth victory in six starts for the Indians, who have now climbed into a tie for fourth place in the Albemarle League. The win was also revenge for the Indians for a loss suffered in Elizabeth City last Friday night.

White turned in a masterful pitching assignment. He walked only one batter, struck out nine and collected three hits to lead his team in batting. Zink was the starting pitcher for the visitors but gave way in the seventh to Hastings who finished the game for Elizabeth City.

Perquimans tallied in the first when Morris scored after receiving a walk. Elizabeth City tied it up in the fourth, then went ahead 3-1 by scoring two runs in the fifth. The Indians knotted the count in the seventh and scored the winning tally in the eighth. Morris' triple in the seventh paved the way for the Indians to tie the count, and to eventually win the game.

The Indians faltered in a double header against Rocky Hock in Edenton Wednesday night, losing both games, the first by a score of 10-0 and the second 5 to 3.

Tonight, the Indians meet Colerain on Memorial Field with game time set at eight o'clock.

Next week's schedule calls for the Indians to play in Elizabeth City on Monday night; Rocky Hock will play in Hertford on Wednesday night and Edenton will play here Thursday night. The Indians will travel to Colerain on Friday night.

Chappell Funeral Conducted Tuesday

Riddick Chappell, 80, of Grubb Street, died today at 4 A. M., at his residence after an illness of two years. A native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late Jonathan and Nancy Rogerson Chappell and a member of the Hertford Baptist Church. Mr. Chappell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Byrum Chappell, of the home; three sons, Marvin Chappell of Charlotte, William Chappell of Bombay, India, and Preston Chappell of Dayton, Ohio; and two daughters, Mrs. James Sullivan of Houston, Texas and Mrs. Ellen Morris of Hertford.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. O. Mattox, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Duling.

During the services the church choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden". Pallbearers were T. C. Byrum, Jr., Earl Goodwin, Stillman Leary, Roy Chappell, Herman Chappell and D. M. Jackson. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Men's Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Theatre Installs New Wide Screen

Installation of a new wide screen in the State Theatre was completed this week, it was announced by B. L. Gibbs, manager.

He stated with the new screen and other equipment secured by the local management, the theatre will be prepared to show films featuring new production methods being used in Hollywood, including CinemaScope.

The first showing of one of the new type productions is expected to be announced very shortly.

To Hold Revival At Bethany Church

Rev. C. H. Beale announces a revival service to be held in the Bethany Methodist Church, beginning July 11, at 8 o'clock and continuing through July 16. Services will be held each evening. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Harold Thach of Flint Hill, Va. The public is invited to attend these services.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Gurkin announce the birth of a daughter born Wednesday, June 30, at Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Gurkin is the former Miss Ruth Haskett.

Plans For Perquimans Farmers Day On August 11 Outlined By County Agent

Wheat Referendum Scheduled July 23

Wheat farmers of North Carolina will vote on July 23 on the question of setting up marketing quotas on the 1955 crop, it was reported this week by F. R. Keith, chairman of the State ASC committee. If two-thirds of the eligible wheat growers who vote July 23 approve marketing quotas, the quotas will be in effect in 1955. If quotas are in effect producers who stay with wheat acreage allotments and comply with all regulations will be eligible for full support.

Keith urges all wheat farmers not to underestimate the gravity of the situation faced with wheat and to study the issues involved and to vote their decision on July 23.

Bond Hearing Held Tuesday For Woman On Forgery Charge

Only one case was handled during the session of recorder's court held last Tuesday morning, with all other cases listed on the court calendar set for hearing on July 13.

Judge Chas. E. Johnson conducted a bond hearing in the case in which Pauline Lucile Kolek, who is in the Perquimans jail, is charged with forgery. Previously, bond had been set in this case at \$2,000, but after hearing pleas made by defendant attorney W. G. Edwards and Solicitor Silas M. Whedbee the court reduced the bond to \$1,000 ordering the same to be either cash or a first mortgage on real estate, or a bond furnished by a bonded company.

The Kolek woman, a resident of Pennsylvania, was arrested by Sheriff M. G. Owens on Tuesday of last week after a number of checks had turned up at the Hertford Banking Company which were discovered to have been forged.

Later investigation conducted by Sheriff Owens has revealed Mrs. Kolek has a police record which includes forgery charges in Pennsylvania and Virginia, as well as North Carolina. The record also revealed she is wanted by federal authorities for forging a number of war bonds.

Local authorities have been asked to retain the woman for the authorities of Pasquotank County, and also Norfolk officials who have charged her with forgery in those places.

Sheriff Owens advised the court last Tuesday the woman had given him a confession to the charge drawn by Perquimans County, and thus the court ruled a preliminary hearing had been waived and the bond set was ordered returnable at the next term of Superior Court, which will be November 1.

Sullivan Installed As Rotary President

New officers of the Hertford Rotary Club assumed their duties for the year at a meeting of the club held Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford.

Henry C. Sullivan was installed as president of the club, succeeding C. R. Holmes. A. W. Hefren is the new vice president and Jack Kanoy is secretary-treasurer.

In addition to the above officers, directors for the club are Dr. C. A. Davenport, Robert Hollowell and Max Campbell. Mr. Holmes, as past president, is an ex officio member of the board.

Following his installation as president Mr. Sullivan presented Mr. Holmes with a past president pin, a gift of the club.

Sullivan announced he will make appointment of various committee chairmanships at the next meeting of the club.

Town Commissioners To Meet Monday Night

The regular July meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford will be held next Monday night in the Municipal Building. In addition to other business expected to be handled by the Board, it is expected the Commissioners will take action in setting the town tax rate for the current fiscal year.

Health Officer On Annual Vacation

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer and Mrs. McGuire left last Saturday for a vacation trip to the Rocky Mountain area and Pacific Coast states. They will return around the first of August.

Committees Named To Organize Booths And Farm Exhibits

A committee for Farmers' Day, which will be held on Wednesday, August 11th at Perquimans County High School, decided there should be booths for farm men and boys to exhibit some of the results of the year's work. Chairmen of the Field Crop booth are: Clarence Chappell, Jr., and Ben Chambers, who will do the checking in at that booth, which will include corn, sweet potatoes, soybeans and cotton.

In the eggs and meat department, Roy Chappell will be the chairman, and this booth will be made up of cured meat and eggs. These eggs should be in dozen cartons and can be either brown or white, but should not be mixed.

In the Horticulture Department, of which Floyd Matthews is the chairman, there will be a garden exhibit made up of any five vegetables from the garden, and including watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, egg plants and fruits. These exhibits should be checked in by 9:00 on the morning of the Farmers' Day and will be judged on their neatness, arrangement, uniformity and quality. There will be prizes awarded to the various winners in each section of the field crops, meats and poultry, and horticulture departments. The amount of prize money has not been set as yet, but we hope to have both quality and quantity to be shown to our neighbors and guests that day.

The exhibitors will be able to pick up their exhibits in the afternoon after the winners have been announced, so please plan to enter some parts of our men's division of exhibits for Farmers' Day.

The woman's side of Farmers' Day is progressing very well. The Home Demonstration Club women are planning a concession stand where they will sell sandwiches, drinks, cake, pie, candy and hot dogs. Mrs. Colon Jackson, of the Helen Gaither Club is chairman for plans for this. Individual exhibits will be shown in flower arrangements, sewing, baked products and arts and crafts.

Demonstrations will be given on stenciling, ironing and freezing. Refinishing furniture will be featured in one booth and corn shuck chair bottoms will be featured in another. An educational booth on good reading will also be set up. Reading is one of the extra phases of the home demonstration program.

Premium lists are available at the Home Agent's office.

4-H Club members are also eligible to enter exhibits.

County Ends Fiscal Year In Excellent Financial Shape

Perquimans County closed its 1953-54 fiscal year on June 30th in excellent financial condition, according to a report made to the County Commissioners on Tuesday, by Max Campbell, County Accountant.

During the year just closed the county carried out a number of improvement projects including completion of installation of a heating system in the Court House, assisted in construction of a public health building and repairs to the County Home.

A total of \$24,000 was paid in curtailing the county's bond indebtedness; of this amount \$16,000 of the road bond debt was paid and \$8,000 was applied toward the bonds issued for school construction three years ago.

Despite these major outlays in cash, the county stayed fairly close within the budget adopted in June of 1953. The general county fund budget was over-expended by \$1,090. The debt service budget was underspent by \$538; while the expenditures for school and welfare budget was about the same as adopted.

During the year total receipts received by the county from all sources amounted to \$323,594, while expenditures amounted to \$322,927. Total cash balances in all funds of the various county departments amounted to \$108,287.46.

Road Report Given For Month Of June

The State Highway Commission completed 82.3 miles of road improvement in the First Highway Division during June, according to J. Emmett Winslow, Commissioner.

In Perquimans County, contract forces finished 9.9 miles of grading from NC 37 in Belvidere north to the Gates County line near Joppa. The roadbed has been graded 24 feet wide from shoulder to shoulder.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Western Germany may be granted a place as equal partner in the community of Western nations if France fails to ratify the proposed European Defense Community Plan, a London report said this week. The United States and Britain are studying plans for turning over control of their German zones to the Bonn government, and establishing embassies in place of their military headquarters.

Meat rationing ended in England last Monday. The program started during World War II and lasted for 14 years, but London reports stated housewives bought only a little more meat than usual the day rationing came to an end. Shops, however, rushed into an open market and stocked up heavily with meat cuts. Prices were reported up following the end of the rationing program.

A Washington announcement Tuesday stated the United States has expelled three Russian diplomats from this country for espionage and improper activities. Two of the three were ejected from the United States months ago but the State Department kept all three cases a secret in an attempt to keep Russia from retaliating.

The long Fourth of July holiday claimed at least 501 lives in accidents according to reports made last Tuesday. Highway deaths were under the total expected by Safety Council officials, but the overall figure was termed excessive.

Farm experts this week estimated a hail and wind storm which swept a 60-mile area in North Carolina on Monday caused damage in the millions of dollars. Wake County apparently was hardest hit, and Granville, Person and Johnston counties also suffered severely.

Rites Held Saturday For Paula L. Hughes

Funeral services for Paula Louise Hughes, 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Hughes, who died suddenly Thursday afternoon of last week were conducted last Saturday afternoon at the Twiford Funeral Chapel by Elder Arthur Hesterson.

Besides her parents she is survived by her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Julia Hughes of Hertford and her maternal grandfather, Nelson Gray of South Mills.