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Proposed Road Program In Perquimans County Will Cost \$1,445,800

Engineering Survey Is Being Considered by State Officers

Improvements to primary highways in Perquimans County during the next ten years will cost \$1,445,800 if an overhauling job to the State highway system is carried out according to recommendations of a New York engineering firm.

The engineering company was employed to survey the state highway system needs and estimate the cost of all projects, at the same time recommending a method for financing the program.

Findings of the survey were submitted last week and the overall program is estimated to cost \$1,445,800. The recommendations have been taken under advisement by the State Highway Commission and other authorities and will likely be of major consideration by the next General Assembly.

The survey estimated the following costs for recommended projects in Perquimans County: Rural roads, 24.23 miles to be improved; \$33,500 right-of-way costs; \$394,990 construction costs; municipal roads, 1.59 miles to be improved; \$207,000 new construction, \$80,000 right-of-way costs, \$249,500 construction costs; structures (bridges) one to be replaced, one new \$624,100. Total for county, \$1,445,800.

This estimate gives no consideration for improvement or future work on rural secondary roads or purely local-use city streets; it can therefore be presumed that survey makes recommendations mainly as to improvement of U. S. highway 17 and State route 87.

There is some question as to the proposed projects for this county includes improvement for U. S. 17, making this major highway into a four-lane road from Virginia to South Carolina, a proposal now being advanced by a number of communities and organizations served by this highway.

Ward Rites Held Thursday Afternoon

Charles H. Ward, 66, died Tuesday night at 11:55 o'clock in the Albemarle Hospital after a lingering illness.

He was the husband of the late Ethel White Ward.

Surviving are three sons, Charles R., Frank and Howard Ward, all of Hertford; five daughters, Mrs. Joseph Proctor, Mrs. John Corprew, Mrs. L. B. Elliott, Mrs. Edgar Long and Mrs. Clinton R. Winslow, all of Hertford; one brother, Henry Ward, of Williamston; 18 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home with burial in Great Hope Cemetery.

Mayor Proclaims Safety Day

Motor vehicle accidents on our streets and highways have become one of the most critical problems in the State of North Carolina, as in the rest of the nation. In each of the last two years, they have taken more than 38,000 lives in our country, injured more than a million persons and caused approximately \$4 billion in damage and related costs.

In order to demonstrate to everyone that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when all motorists and pedestrians do their part, the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, in cooperation with various national organizations, has proclaimed a "Safe Driving Day" throughout the United States. The date is Wednesday, December 15.

President Eisenhower has given his wholehearted endorsement to this undertaking, and has appealed to all Americans to assist in it, as concerned, as all of us can, with the roadside toll which we are paying.

Every State and every community is being asked to accept the challenge to remain completely free of traffic accidents for that one period. I hope that this challenge will accept this challenge.

A New Look

With this week's edition The Perquimans Weekly comes to its readers with a new look.

Installation of a new Duplex press by The Chowan Herald, printers of The Weekly, permits the adoption of a new format for your home town newspaper.

In addition to other advantages, which the editors of The Weekly believe will provide better service to readers and advertisers, the paper is now standard size; that is, eight columns to each page with the standard column size of 12 ems.

Each page of this edition is one-fourth larger in column size than The Weekly has used since its founding in 1934. This edition of The Weekly, containing eight pages is equivalent to a 10-page paper with the old format, and all pages are now printed at the same time, whereas previously only four pages were printed at one time.

It is the hope of the editor you, the readers, like our new look.

Cotton Allotments Being Established For Eligible Farms

Cotton acreage allotments for the 1955 crop are now being established for all the eligible farms in Perquimans County, says L. L. Lane, chairman of the Perquimans County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. Each cotton farmer will be notified by mail of the acreage allotment for his farm before the December 14 marketing quota referendum.

Mr. Lane explains that the national cotton acreage allotment is the acreage which at average yields will produce 10 million bales, the minimum national marketing quota under law. Based on the national average yield, the national acreage allotment for upland cotton is 18,113,208 acres. This national allotment is divided among the states and counties, based largely on cotton acreage during the years 1948 to 1953 except 1949, which is omitted by law.

Most of the county allotment must, under the law, be divided among farms on which cotton was grown in the past three years, but a small reserve is set aside for "new" cotton farms, for adjusting allotments for small farms, and for hardship cases. In distributing the acreage reserve, the county committee considers the type and productivity of the soil, the labor and equipment available for cotton production, past cotton production and other factors.

By December 15, each of us will be more conscious of the need for year-around observance of proven methods of traffic safety, and year-around support for those public officials and others who are devoting their efforts to making our streets and highways safe places to be.

Whereas the President of the United States has asked the Governors of all of our States to cooperate in the S-D Day program and in the activities preliminary thereto; and

Whereas the Governor has appealed to all Mayors and County Officials for their active support; and

Whereas all of the major safety organizations are participating energetically in this undertaking;

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the Town of Hertford, I am happy to pledge my full cooperation in this great and worthy effort; and to that end, I hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 15, 1954, as Safe Driving Day in this community. I have designated Robert A. White as director of S-D Day activities here.

Telephone Co. Is Seeking Increase In Local Rates

Patrons of the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company will pay more for their telephone service, beginning January 1, if a petition for a rate increase presented by the company to the State Utilities Commission is approved, it was learned here Tuesday following announcement that the company is seeking an increase in rates.

The company, in seeking approval for rate increases, stated additional funds are needed to meet increased costs and to aid in attracting new capital.

It was learned here some protests against increased rates have been filed on this matter with the State Commission but a final decision has not been announced.

The company's monthly business and residential exchange rates are divided according to one-party, two-party, four-party and multi-party service.

At Elizabeth City, business subscribers now pay \$6.75, \$5.25, \$4.25 and \$2.75 and residential subscribers \$4, \$3.25, \$2.75 and \$2. If the increase is approved as proposed, business rates would become \$9.75, \$8.25, \$7.50 and \$5 and residential rates would become \$5.50, \$4.25, \$3.75 and \$3.75.

At Edenton, business rates would be raised from \$5.25, \$4.25, \$3.50 and \$2.75 to \$7.75, \$7, \$6.25 and \$4.50. Residential rates would be raised from \$3.75, \$3, \$2.50 and \$2 to \$4.75, \$3.75, \$3.25 and \$2.50.

At Hertford and Manteo, business rates would be raised from \$4.50, \$3.75, \$3 and \$2.50 to \$6.75, \$5.25 and \$4. Residential rates would be raised from \$3.50, \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$2 to \$4.25, \$3.50, \$3.25 and \$2.50.

At Sunbury and Coinjock, business rates now are \$4, \$3.25, \$2.50 and \$2.50 and residential rates are \$3, \$2.50, \$2 and \$2. The company proposed to raise business rates to these exchanges to \$6.50, \$5.75, \$5 and \$4 and residential rates to \$4, \$3.50, \$3.25 and \$3.25.

Rotary Official Visits Local Club

Egbert N. Peeler, District Governor of Rotary International, made an official visit to the Hertford Club at its meeting held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

In a speech made to the local Rotarians, Mr. Peeler urged observance of the ideals of Rotary for better living, pointing out that one's service to his community, neighbors, state and nation will bring about a full measure of satisfaction in the art of daily living.

Mr. Peeler told the local club of plans celebrating the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Rotary, which was the beginning of the service club idea throughout the world, and for the 50th anniversary Rotary International convention to be held in Chicago next May.

Named Editor Of St. Mary's Handbook

Mabel Martin Wheelbee of Hertford is now serving as president of the Granddaughters' Club at St. Mary's Junior College in Raleigh. She was also recently unanimously elected as editor of the St. Mary's Handbook for 1955-56 session.

Among her other activities are Legislative Body, Canterbury Club, news editor of the student newspaper, yearbook staff, YWCA, Altar Guild, and Sigma Pi Alpha, honorary foreign language fraternity. She is a senior.

DELLA SHAMBURGERS MEET

The Della Shamburger Missionary Circle of the Hertford Methodist Church will hold their monthly meeting Monday, December 6, at 6 P. M. in the educational building at the Methodist Church. It will be a covered dish supper and a Christmas meeting where gifts will be exchanged. All members are urged to attend.

Recorder's Docket Listed 15 Cases At Tuesday's Session

Seven Speeders Enter Pleas of Guilty to Charges Filed

Fifteen cases were listed on the docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday morning, with most of the defendants entering pleas of guilty to violation of traffic laws.

Seven of the defendants were charged with speeding, each entered a plea of guilty to the charges and Joseph Lamb was fined \$20, Jackie Byrum was fined \$25, Norman Harrell, Negro, \$30 and costs of court were taxed against Robert Bonnetti, Charles Strickland, Albert Davis and Armand Logchlin.

William F. Basnight, Jr., submitted to charges of reckless driving. He paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Carl Johnkins, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to charges of failing to dim lights on his car.

Fred Revells, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk and assault. He was ordered to pay the costs of court in both cases.

Calvin Skinner, Negro, also charged with assault, was found not guilty.

Julian Thatch, charged with being drunk, was ordered to pay a fine of \$2 and costs of court.

Lewis Owens, charged with issuing a worthless check, entered a plea of guilty. He was ordered to pay the court costs and the sum of the bad check.

Melbert L. Linton entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving drunk. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

Durants Neck Ruritans Sponsor Donkey Ball Game

Fun and laughter is guaranteed at a donkey ball game to be sponsored by the Durants Neck Ruritan Club, in cooperation with the Hertford Jaycees, at Perquimans High gym on Wednesday night, December 8, according to committee of the two clubs.

The ball game will be a contest between members of the Durants Neck club and the Jaycees, with game time set at 8 o'clock. According to reports, the players must ride the donkeys at all times according to the rules.

While neither club has announced the lineup for the game, such players as Matt Carson and Bob Spivey, Josh Sutton, Ben Chambers, Irvin Turner and H. M. Jamison, Red Caddy and Guy Webb, Jr., are expected to represent the Ruritans, while Billy White, Charles Skinner, Jr., Ray Haskett, Jarvis Henry, Preston Divers, Ike Perry, Ab Williams, George Fields and D. F. Reed, Jr., will play for the Jaycees. Joe L. Tunnell has been signed on as a guest star but it has not been announced which team he will play with.

Tickets for the ball game are now on sale and may be purchased from members of the Jaycees or the Durants Neck Ruritan Club.

Firemen Answer Two Calls During Week

The Hertford Fire Department answered two calls during the past week. One call Sunday afternoon was a false alarm and the second call Monday afternoon was to a vacant house near the Highway Truck Station on U. S. 17. Only slight damage was reported at this blaze.

With the coming of cold weather, the Fire Department cautions all residents to use care concerning fires and to check stoves and chimneys if this has not been done, as a safety measure for prevention of fires.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Eare announce the birth of a daughter born Monday, November 29th.

Indians - Squaws Open Cage Season At Weeksville Tues.

First Home Game on December 14; Team Prospects Bright

Coach Ike Perry's Indians and Squaws of Perquimans High School will open their 1954-55 basketball season next Tuesday night when they travel to Weeksville to play the first non-conference game.

Both the local teams have been practicing diligently since the close of the football season and Coach Perry is high with his praise of the players. However, he points out he is faced with a task of rebuilding the 'boys' club, having only Paul Matthews left from last year's starting team.

The Indian Squaws will be made up of veterans from last season, with probable starters in the Weeksville game being Celia White, Jo Pat Stokes and Barbara Edwards at forwards; Alice Jean Jackson, Carolyn and Mary Frances Eure at guards. Other girls showing up well in practice are LaClair and Judy Winslow, guards; Barbara Russell, Sue Perry White and Sally Ruth Hollowell, forwards.

Coach Perry had 35 boys report for the basketball team and from these candidates he says his probable starting lineup will be Melville Williams, center; Paul Matthews and D. A. Carver, forwards; John Hill and Johnny Winslow, guards; Billy Bray, Vivian Baker, Arnold Chappell, Julian Howell, Don Baker and Tommy Matthews are expected to see a lot of action as members of the Indian squad.

The Indians and Squaws will play at Griggs on December 9 and will play two home games during the following week, meeting Weeksville in return games on December 14 and playing the boys and girls from Elizabeth City here on December 16. These games will wind up play prior to the holidays and the Perquimans teams will begin play in the Albemarle Conference on January 4.

Baptists To Hold Annual Rally At Ballard's Bridge

On Monday night, December 6, at 7:30 o'clock, the Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church will be host to the annual "M" Night Rally for the Training Union of the churches of the Chowan Baptist Association. This is the year-end rally and planning meeting for the training program of the association.

The interesting program includes special music, demonstrations, conferences and talks. The inspirational address will be delivered by Dr. J. S. Hopkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Suffolk, Va. His subject is "Be Strong In the Lord". A very interesting and challenging feature of the meeting is the setting of goals and the adoption of a calendar of activity for the new year 1955.

The program committee joins with the executive committee in emphasizing that this meeting is not just for Training Union members alone—but, is also for those not members of the training program. All church members are urged to attend.

Auto Tags Go On Sale December 1

The 1955 State and Town license plates for motor vehicles went on sale Wednesday, December 1, it was reported here this week. Motorists are urged to buy their license plates well before the deadline of January 31 in order to avoid the usual last minute rush.

The new plates have orange letters on black, reversing the color scheme of 1954. State licenses may be secured at either Edenton or Elizabeth City, while Hertford tags may be purchased at the Municipal Building.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

New County Officials Assume Duties Of Office On Monday

State Sales Tax Collections Up In 47 Counties

Sales tax collections for October in 47 North Carolina counties were greater than for the same month in 1953, according to State Revenue Department figures tabulated by the N. C. Merchants Association.

The counties showing increased retail business over October a year ago were: Alamance, Allegheny, Anson, Avery, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Caswell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Currituck, Davie, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Halifax, Haywood, Henderson, Hyde, Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mocklenburg, Mitchell, Onslow, Person, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Transylvania, Vance, Warren, Washington, Watauga and Yulkin.

Sales tax collections in the State for October were \$4,776,535.09 as compared with \$4,190,506.02 for September, an increase of more than six per cent.

Cities having sales tax collections in October over October of the previous year were: Asheville, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Henderson, Hickory, Reidsville, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Sanford and Winston-Salem.

Total collections for all areas in October were less than one per cent short of the 1953.

"All signs point to one of the best autumn seasons on record," said Thompson Greenwood, executive secretary of the merchants' organization.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Byrum announce the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday, November 24, at birth Tuesday, November 23, at Albemarle Hospital.

Winners Get Award At 4-H Achievement Day

Perquimans County annual 4-H Achievement Day was held November 23 in the Agricultural Building in Hertford. There were approximately 100 4-H Club members and their parents attending this event.

The meeting was called to order by Wallace Baker. The group repeated the 4-H Club Pledge and sang "It's a Good Time to Get Together" and the "Pleading Song," led by Lois Violet Winslow. Julian Howell presented the devotional. The welcome was given by Billy Hudson and Mrs. Edwin White gave the response. Minutes of the last Achievement Day and Roll Call was presented by Nancy Lane.

Following the business session a pageant "The 4-H Spirit Counts" was presented with Miss Kimsey Perry as narrator, Miss Clara Mason, assistant home agent, and L. R. Sasser, assistant farm agent, presented certificates and awards to county winners.

There were winners in the following projects: Health, Lois Violet Winslow and Wallace Baker; Bobby Smith, submitted a long-time record on health improvement and was named State and National winner. Lois Violet Winslow submitted a long-time record on "Better Grooming" and was named State and National winner. Bobby Smith and Wallace Baker, our team placed third in the State. Talent winners were Phyllis Trueblood, Mary F. Baker, Johnny Phillips and the Keel sisters.

Following the pageant Miss Kimsey Perry installed the 1955 County County officers. They are as follows: President, Wallace Baker; vice president, Joyce Owens; secretary, Betty Brown; reporter, Nancy Lane; pianist, Ann Lane; girls' record, Kay Howell; poultry, Kay and Julian Howell. Beautification of home grounds, Kay Howell. Home improvement, Rachel Spivey; leadership, Annie Lou Lane and Wallace Baker; achievement, Lois Violet Winslow; Rachel Spivey and Bobby Smith.

To Hold Revival



A revival service will be conducted at Up River Friends Church at Whiteston beginning December 8 and continuing through December 19, it was announced today by the Rev. James Rahenkamp, pastor, who reported the Rev. Owen W. Glassburn will be the guest evangelist for the revival. Services will be held each night at 7:30 o'clock.

Street Decorations Now Being Installed

Holiday decorations are being installed on the streets in the business section this week by Town employees, and Mayor V. N. Darden reported it is hoped the work will be completed in time for the lights to be turned on Saturday night.

The decorations, Mayor Darden stated, will be all new this year, conforming to the new whitewash which was installed last summer.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Godwin announce the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday, November 24, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Office of Sheriff Is The Only Change In New Organization

Only one change will be made in the official governmental body of Perquimans County next Monday, December 6, when officers elected in the general election on November 2, will be sworn into office.

J. Kelly White will succeed M. G. Owens as sheriff, White having been elected to a four year term.

The Board of County Commissioners will be made up of the same members as during the past two years, A. T. Lane, William C. Chappell, R. L. Spivey, E. B. Hollowell and Warner Madro.

W. H. Pitt will succeed himself as clerk of the Superior Court. C. R. Holmes will take the oath of office as Representative; Chas. E. Johnson will be Recorder's Judge; D. F. Reed, Jr., County Treasurer; Dr. C. A. Davenport, County Coroner.

J. Edgar Morris, Mrs. Mable L. Cooke, Mrs. Mary Brinn and Clarence C. Chappell were re-elected as members of the Board of Education.

A meeting of the new board of County Commissioners will be held following the adjournment of the old board, which will meet as usual at 10 A. M. in the court room. At the meeting the new board, a reorganization will be perfected, with the members electing a chairman and appointing two officials, county solicitor and clerk of Recorder's Court. It is also expected the new board will appoint tax-listers for the various townships, whose work of listing property for 1955 taxes will start in January.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Red China has rejected a U. S. protest over the imprisonment of American airmen captured during the Korean war, and sentenced as being spies. A number of GOP Senators have called for a blockade of the China coast unless the Americans are freed but State Department has ruled out a measure such as this. However, Secretary Dulles says the U. S. will react vigorously against Communist provocation.

The Senate reconvened last Monday for the McCarthy censure issue and agreed to hasten procedure by limiting debate not later than Wednesday. Voting on the amendments to the action started late Wednesday and the issue was expected to be voted on and completed before the end of the week.

When the Senate convened Monday W. Kerr Scott was sworn in as Senator from North Carolina, succeeding Alton Lennon for the unexpired term of the late Senator Broughton. Senator Scott will begin his own six year term of office when the Senate meets again in January.

Sir Winston Churchill celebrated his 80th birthday last Tuesday giving no hint he plans to retire as British Prime Minister. Britons, generally, joined with Churchill in observance of the birthday and messages by the thousands were received by the statesman.

Officers at Louisburg have solved an \$8,000 robbery, committed last week when a poker game was held up and bandits robbed the players. Authorities have arrested three men in connection with the robbery, including one of the players, alleged to have masterminded the hold-up.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The Burgess WMU observed Week of Prayer for foreign missions Monday night. An interesting program on Come Let Us Adore Him was presented by Mrs. Sidney Copeland.

The GA's gave the devotional and special music was presented by Mrs. William Stallings and Mrs. Sidney Layden, Sr. A liberal free will offering was given for Foreign Missions.