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## Vast Improvement Made To Highways In First District

During 1955 the State Highway Commission accomplished a vast number of road improvements in the First Highway Division, Commissioner J. Emmett Winslow reported today.

Division-wide, the primary highway system was renovated by 77.8 miles of resurfacing, 47.3 miles of drag seal, and 13 miles of widening and resurfacing. Two big structures were built to replace old bridges and one bridge was widened.

The county road system in the First was improved by 122.7 miles of drag seal, 30.17 miles of bituminous surface treatment, 7.1 miles of sand asphalt base course, 49.9 miles of sand asphalt wearing surface, 13.6 miles of sand asphalt resurfacing, 0.4 mile of sand asphalt widening, 54.55 miles of soil surfacing, 8.25 miles of grading and widening, and 1.45 miles of grading and stone surfacing. In addition, many county road bridges were rebuilt, widened and replaced.

Winslow praised the State highway forces in the First for their fine road accomplishments of 1955.

With division headquarters in Ahoskie, the First is composed of Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, Chowan, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties. A veteran road-builder, W. N. Spruill, as Division Engineer, heads an experienced engineering staff. J. J. Gilbert is Assistant Division Engineer. For maintenance purposes, the First is subdivided into three districts. George E. Maek is district engineer at Elizabeth City, for Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans. T. C. Liverman is district engineer at Ahoskie for Bertie, Hertford, and Northampton counties. W. F. Sessions is district engineer at Plymouth for Chowan, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

## Youths Given Road Sentence On Charge Of Damaging Cars

Two Negro youths, Harold Sawyer, 16, and Robert Sawyer, 18, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and destruction of property, were given 60 day road sentences in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday after they entered pleas of guilty to the charges. The youths were arrested last Friday by Police Officers M. G. Owens and Pete Riddick, following an investigation of complaints registered by some motorists who told police their cars had been rocked, and glass in the cars broken, as they drove through Hertford.

Officer Owens testified the two youths, along with two 13-year-old boys, who were given hearings in Juvenile Court, confessed they had thrown stones at some five cars as the autos traveled south on Edenton Road Street, near King Street.

Judge Johnson ordered the road sentences to be suspended upon the condition the Sawyer boys each pay a fine of \$15 and costs and the sums of \$5 to Trotman Miller, \$14.19 each to William Sawyer and Dr. W. A. Moody, of Bethel, N. C., for car damages, and each to be of good behavior for two years.

Other cases disposed of by the court this week included those in which Gerald King paid a fine of \$2 and costs of court on charges of speeding. Wendell Noyes, Jr., paid a fine of \$5 and costs and James C. Brothers paid a fine of \$10 and costs, both charged with speeding. All three defendants submitted to the charges.

Paul Wood paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of failing to observe a stop sign.

Charlie Midgett pleaded guilty to charges of driving with an expired operator's license and paid the costs of court.

Anthony Palloulas submitted to charges of following too closely and paid the costs of court.

## Indians - Squaws Play Edenton Cage Teams Friday Night

The Indians of Perquimans High School won a 61-25 decision over the Sunbury basketball team here Tuesday night to avenge a defeat suffered earlier in the season. Willie Howell, scoring 21 points during the first half, sparked the Indian offense to victory. At halftime the Indians were ahead 41 to 14. Melville Williams was second high scorer for the locals, canning 12 points.

Coach Perry used his entire squad during the game, with each player accounting for some points to help roll up the win. In the preliminary game the Indian Squaws lost to the Sunbury girls by a score of 27 to 43. G. Hoffer led the winners with a total of 20 points while Hollowell was high for Perquimans with 10 tallies. Russell scored 9 and Stokes hit for eight.

Last Friday night the Indians and Squaws lost a double header to Ahoskie High School. The Hertford County girls won by a score of 69 to 55 while the Indians dropped their contest 65 to 43. Mallison led the Ahoskie girls with a total of 40 points while Stokes was high for Perquimans with a total of 33.

The boys' contest was a basket-exchanging thriller during the first half but the Indians slumped during the third period to allow Ahoskie to roll up a commanding lead. The score at the half was 28-27 but the Indians tallied only three points in the third period while Ahoskie hit for 18; in the final can to each team scored a total of 19 points. Newsome, with 25 points and Eracy with 23 were high scorers for Ahoskie while Matthews tallied 21 for Perquimans and Howell scored 10.

Tonight the Indians and Squaws travel to Edenton for return games with the Aces and Acetels, and the Indians will be gunning for revenge, against the Aces. Next Thursday the local teams will play Plymouth here and a week from tonight the locals will play the final game of the season at Gatesville.

## Jurors Drawn For Special Term Of Superior Court

Preparing for a special term of Superior Court, to be held here during the week of March 12, as a make-up of the term cancelled here this week, the Board of Commissioners in regular meeting Tuesday morning drew the names of 42 residents to serve as jurors at the court session, which will convene for the purpose of hearing civil cases.

Drawn for jury service were Francis B. Nixon, Claude Simpson, H. B. Matthews, Lloyd Owens, Paul L. White, Frank Elliott, Herbert Nixon, Earl Russell, Wm. Elsberry Lane, Mrs. Katherine Elliott, Rudy Turner, Clarence S. Chapman, Archie R. Chappell, Clifton C. Pierce, George Byrum, Jr., James O. Copeland, Charles M. Williford, Raymond Stanton, Jack Sawyer, Spurgeon Lane, Joseph Meads, Louis R. Stallings, Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, J. Clifton Morgan, Walter Humphlett, J. B. Eare, W. D. Perry, Sr., Dennis Winslow, Robert L. Hollowell, George Fields, John A. Riddick, C. T. Rogers, Jr., Irvin Trueblood, Edwin S. White, Ira Stallings, Charlie F. Baker, Vernon L. Perry, Mrs. Clara C. Winslow, Carson L. Stallings, John T. Biggers, Seth Long, Jr., and Marvin D. White.

In the final case heard during the court term last week a jury returned a verdict of \$25,000 award for Percy Brothers and \$500 in favor of Percell Skinner, each of whom sought damages from Charlie Jernigan for injuries sustained in an auto accident which happened in this county during 1954.

## Commissioners Request Special Election March 24 To Determine Bond Issue

Following a public hearing, conducted in the Court House here last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, the Board of Commissioners adopted two resolutions to proceed with a proposal for the issuance of \$125,000 in bonds for construction of a new school building to replace the Hertford Grammar School which was destroyed by fire last month.

No protests were made opposing the matter during the public hearing and the Commissioners then adopted a resolution proposing the issuance of the bonds. Following this action the Board then adopted a resolution calling upon the Board of Election to hold a special election on Saturday, March 24, 1956, at which time the voters of the county will voice approval or disapproval for the issuance of the bonds.

Under the special election resolution registration books will be opened at the various polling places on Saturday, February 25, and will remain open for three weeks for the purpose of registering eligible voters desiring to participate in the election. Persons already listed on the registration books need not register again in order to be eligible to vote in the bond election.

In connection with the discussion on the bond issue, the Board of Commissioners were advised during its meeting Monday by J. T. Biggers, County School Superintendent, the Board of Education is proceeding with plans for securing a new site for the building. Mr. Biggers stated the Board of Education had received a price for a portion of the Winslow-Gaither tract under consideration as a site for the school, but the price asked for this part of the land was greater than anticipated by the school authorities. After some discussion it was agreed that an offer of \$1,000 per acre be made the owners of the land, with a possibility that condemnation proceedings would be started by the Board of Education to secure the property in event the owners and Board of Education could not get together on a price for the acreage sought for the school.

Stockholders of the Hertford Building and Loan Association conducted their annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon, in the Perquimans Court House and after hearing a report on the operations of the Association during 1955, elected a board of directors to serve during the coming year.

## Assets of the local Building and Loan Association at the end of the year stood at \$145,011.25, it was reported by A. W. Hefren, president. This represented a 10 per cent increase as compared to the year ending 1954.

## Building And Loan Directors Named At Meeting Wed.

Elected to serve as directors of the Association during 1956 were A. W. Hefren, C. P. Morris, J. P. Perry, Max Campbell, J. W. Ward, Charles E. Johnson, V. N. Darden, Claude White, R. M. Riddick, Jr., and Henry C. Sullivan.

Commenting on the year, Mr. Hefren stated the local Building and Loan Association made 16 new loans to assist individuals in constructing eight new homes, one person in buying a home and five persons in repairing their homes. Total loans made during the year amounted to \$44,200.00.

## GOC Post Meeting Called For Monday

There will be an important meeting of all Ground Observer Corps members in the Municipal Building Monday night, February 13, at 8 o'clock. A representative from Durham Filter Center will be there to show a film and conduct a training class. All observers, especially those who have never attended training class are urged to be present.



MOPPING UP "ENEMY" TOWNS as an ever-challenging job for Sixth Armored Cavalrymen as they make lightning dashes deep into "enemy" rear areas at the Army's tank training center at Grafenwohr, Germany. Here a tank noses into a "hostile" town.

## To Receive Award At Scout Banquet

Another high Scout award has been won by Bobby Matthews, a member of the Hertford Troop No. 155, it was reported here today. Bobby will receive the Silver Award, highest award in Explorers' Scouts at the annual Albemarle District banquet to be held in Elizabeth City Saturday night.

Bobby, who is senior crew leader of the Explorer post and junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 155, has been active in Scouting for 10 years. He is an Eagle Scout and has been awarded the Bronze Palm and 45 Merit Badges, the God and Country Award, along with other Scouting honors. He has attended a number of Boy Scout jamborees in this country and Canada. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Matthews.

The public is invited to attend the Boy Scout banquet to be held Saturday night.

## Skinner-Barrington Vows Spoken Sun.

The marriage of Miss Billie Jeanette Skinner, daughter of Mrs. Raymond Skinner and the late Mr. Skinner, to David McLeod Barrington of Elizabeth City, son of Mrs. Walter Barrington of Raeford and the late Mr. Barrington, took place Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Hertford Methodist Church.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. Freeman Heath of Elizabeth City in a setting of white gladioli, white carnations, palms and cathedral candles. Miss Kate Blanchard, church organist, played the wedding music and Wayne Lambdin, brother-in-law of the bride, sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer".

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, John H. Decker, the bride wore a wedding gown of imported Chantilly lace over satin styled with an empire bodice fashioned with a portrait neckline and nylon tulle yoke. The bodice buttoned down the back with self-covered buttons and the sleeves ended in wedding points over the hands. Her shoulder length veil of illusion was arranged from a pillow of lace and tulle, and she carried a prayer book topped with a white orchid.

Miss Sybil Skinner, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and only attendant. She wore a gown of pale green silk with a matching hat and other matching accessories and carried a nosegay of gold carnations.

Ebb Barrington, brother of the groomsmen were Franklin Teal, greensmen were Franklin Teal, George Dombrowsky, Ivey Mason and William Disher. Mrs. Preston Divers was mistress of ceremonies.

The mother of the bride wore an ice blue dress with black accessories and wore a purple orchid. The mother of the bridegroom wore a navy blue dress with navy accessories and wore a purple orchid corsage.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a wedding trip after which they will make their home at an apartment on Grubb Street.

## Scouts Observing 46th Anniversary During This Week

Boy Scouts of the Albemarle District have many activities planned for the observance of their 46th birthday. Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, will feature displays in store windows and on court house lawns all over the 7 counties making up the Albemarle District. Each of the 28 Scout units (packs, troops, and Explorers) has selected a Scouting subject and will display or demonstrate it to the public throughout the week.

The highlight of Boy Scout Week will be the annual banquet which will be held February 11 at the Elizabeth City High School cafeteria. An informative and entertaining program for Scoutleaders and Scouts and their parents has been arranged. Annual awards will be presented to outstanding Scouts and leaders.

Boy Scout Sunday will be February 12 at which time the 1,000 or more Scouts in the Albemarle District will attend their churches in uniform with their families. Many of the churches will have a special Scout service dedicated to Scouting and the launching of the new 4-year program of the Boy Scouts of America "Onward for God and My Country".

Boy Scouts of the Albemarle District will join in with more than 24 million Scouts, leaders, and former Scouts in the U. S. to rededicate themselves to the Scout Oath and Law which will be led by the Chief Scout Executive on a nationwide TV and radio program February 8.

This has been a very successful year for the local Boy Scouts. Their membership has grown from 730 to over 1,000. New troops have been organized at Cape Hatteras, Shawboro, Coinjock and Gatesville. New packs have been organized at Edenton, Elizabeth City First Baptist and Elizabeth City Riverside Methodist. There are prospects for even a better year. Six new units will be organized this spring.

Highlights during 1955 include: A week-end at Camp Manufacturing Company's "big woods", a highly successful 3 day camporee at Camp Perry, Explorer rendezvous on the Northern Shore, Tidewater Council camporee at Camp Moon-yah, a tour of the Navy shipyard and bases in Norfolk and Portsmouth, mountain camp for Explorers at Lake Sherando, Camp Darden for one week, service projects at International Boat Regatta, junior leaders' training course at Camp Darden, Scouting-in-Action Fair, ushers at Oyster Bowl game, plus 10 days and nights of camping for 70% of the Scouts in the District.

## Legion And Scouts To Sell Blue Canes

Members of the local American Legion Post, in cooperation with the Hertford Troop of Boy Scouts, will conduct a sale of "blue canes" on Saturday, February 11 with proceeds from the sale to be donated to the Perquimans March of Dimes.

## County Board In Session Monday

### In Germany

The Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session, last Monday appointed Miss Thelma Elliott to membership on the Board for Perquimans Library to succeed the late Miss Mae Wood Winslow.

Approval was also voted on the appointment of Sam Hourmouzis to serve as deputy to the clerk of Recorder's Court. The appointment, made by Clerk W. H. Pitt, was in accordance with the law passed by the last General Assembly, setting up authority for deputy clerks. Mr. Hourmouzis assumed his new duties Tuesday.

The Board also gave its approval to an application for a beer license, submitted by W. L. Wood, Jr., of Woodville.

A financial report, made to the Board by County Accountant Max Campbell, revealed the county is living well within the budget adopted for the current fiscal year. Tax collections through the month (Continued on Page Five)



M/Sgt. Pancho V. Dawson, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Dawson, Woodville, N. C., is assigned to the staff of the Seventh Army Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Germany. Sergeant Dawson entered the Army in 1945 and has been awarded the UN and Korean Service Ribbons.

## Farm Specialists Conclude Series Of Tax Stories

(This article, completing a series describing the provisions of the Federal income and Social Security tax laws as they affect farm people, was prepared by Charles R. Pugh, W. L. Turner and C. W. Williams, extension farm management specialists, N. C. State College.)

Amendments to the Social Security law by the 1954 Congress bring coverage to self-employed farmers for the first time starting with the taxable year 1955, and extend coverage to many additional farm employees. Social Security is a federal sponsored program of insurance to workers and their dependents against complete loss of income due either to the death or retirement of the worker. Payments or benefits are generally based upon the period of service and taxable income during the service period.

Self-employment taxes for Social Security purposes and Federal income taxes are related to the extent that both are collected by the Internal Revenue Service at the same time. Also the same accounting methods and records must serve as the basis of the two types of taxes. Self-employment taxes differ from Federal income taxes in that they go into the Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance Fund from which Social Security benefits are paid rather than into the general funds of the U. S. Treasury.

Some self-employed farmers may owe no income tax due to the size of deductions and personal exemptions but still must complete Schedule F. Form 1040 to determine earnings from self-employment for Social Security tax purposes. Schedule F is arranged so that the computation of self-employment tax from farming will follow as the form is filled in.

In calculating self-employment earnings from farming, the individual farmer may have to make some adjustments in the figure upon which Federal income taxes are based. The exclusions in determining net earnings from self-employment include any income and expenses associated with (1) rentals in the form of crop shares, which are considered as an investment return to the landlord rather than self-employment income; (2) gains or losses from the sale of capital assets and depreciable property such as sales of livestock held for draft, breeding, or dairy purposes or sales of machinery and real estate; and (3) deductions for net operating losses of other years.

Farmers are to pay Social Security

ity tax if they had earnings of \$400 or more from self-employment in 1955. The maximum covered earnings from all sources are \$4200. Therefore the maximum income subject to the 3 per cent self-employment tax is \$4200 minus the amount of covered wages received as an employee.

Farmers reporting their income on the "cash" basis may wish to use an optional method to stabilize their coverage from year-to-year. If the gross income from farming (with adjustments as mentioned above) is between \$800 and \$1800, the self-employed farmer may pay Social Security taxes on one-half of this gross amount. If the gross income from farming (with adjustments) is more than \$1800, and the computed net earnings from self-employment from farming are less than \$900, Social Security coverage and computation of the tax are explained in the pamphlets, "How Social Security Covers Farmers" and "Farmers' Tax Guide." Check with your county agent or the local offices of the Social Security Administration and Internal Revenue Service for copies.

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## PTS Honor Roll Lists 45 Students

The honor roll for Perquimans Training School, listing 45 students winning scholastic honors for the third grading period has been released by R. L. Kingsbury, principal, as follows:

Eighth Grade: Ella Leigh, Araminta Perry, Mary White, Deloris Lightfoot, James Riddick, Rosa Mae Riddick, Dennis Johnson, Mary Ann Lamb, Delois Armstrong.

Ninth Grade: Evelyn Vaughan, Melvin Walker, Sarah Harrell, Julius Hill, Doris Brothers, Shirley Blanchard, Willie Moore, Bertha Rumber, Libby Billups, Barbara Chesson, Delois Hurdle, Charlie Small.

Tenth Grade: Hattie James, Mattie Ruth White, Joseph Hoffer, Chester Mallory, Mary White.

Eleventh Grade: Marlene Elliott, Clarine Harrell, Argie Lamb, Jeanette Parker, Edna Skinner, Queen Vaughan, Cleopatra Zachary, Carolyn Branch, Elvalene Gibbs, Ethel Eason.

Twelfth Grade: Oneida Felton, Jeffery Moore, Yvonne Burke, Gertrude Harrell, Marvis Hollowell, Christine Lowder, Melbie Parker, Wilma Skinner, Edna Zachary.