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Paving Tops List Street-Aid Funds By Municipalities

The State Highway Commission gives an accounting of how Tar Heel cities and towns had spent their State street-aid funds during fiscal 1956.

The report showed that a total of 399 eligible municipalities had received a total of \$5,711,979 in State funds for local street-aid during fiscal 1956. This allocation plus the \$1,699,868 brought forward as unexpended balance from fiscal 1955 gave the municipalities a total of \$7,411,847 available for construction and maintenance of local streets in fiscal 1956.

Although \$7,411,847 was available for local street work during fiscal 1956, the 399 participating cities and towns only expended \$5,257,916, leaving an unused balance of \$2,153,932, which is still available for future use.

There is no time limitation on the use of State street-aid funds so some municipalities carry forward unused funds for future years. Many of the smaller towns accumulate their funds for several years to build up a large enough amount for a big, needed project.

How did the municipalities use their State street-aid funds during fiscal 1956? A total of \$1,724,909 or 33 per cent was spent for new paving. The second largest amount—\$1,504,366 or 29 per cent—was spent for maintenance. Twelve per cent or \$834,986 went for resurfacing. The remaining 28 per cent of the funds were spent on drainage and storm sewer work, equipment, stabilization, curb and gutter work, widening, right of way, grading, gas, oil and repairs, engineering, opening new streets, debt service, traffic control, bridge construction, administration, map survey, and bridge repairs.

The first State street-aid allocations were made to incorporated, active, eligible and qualified cities and towns as of July 1, 1951. Since then, the five annual allocations through fiscal 1956 have totaled \$25,839,838. During this five-year period, however, the cities and towns have used only \$23,685,906, leaving an unused balance of \$2,153,932 for future use.

The report said that "No absolute value can be placed on the benefits received by the cities and towns from State street-aid funds. Undoubtedly, though, the street work resulting from these funds has had a far greater value than the actual money spent."

"The availability of this new revenue has stimulated additional large amounts of other municipal funds to be spent for local street purposes. Many cities have levied special assessments for street construction to help them use some of their State street-aid funds and other street funds over and over again for street construction."

"However, the allocation of \$25,839,838 in State funds to the cities and towns during the past five years has greatly contributed to the realization of many needed improvements on streets which are not on the State highway system."

State street-aid funds are derived from a one-half of one cent of the State gasoline tax. The funds are distributed in cash to the participating municipalities on the basis of 50 per cent on relative population and 50 per cent on relative local non-highway system street mileage.

Hertford Stores To Close Tuesday

Hertford stores and business houses will observe the New Year's holiday next Tuesday by being closed all day. The merchants voted to observe the holiday this year in line with the holiday schedules agreed upon earlier this month. Stores will resume their regular schedule again on Wednesday, January 2.

Two Local Youths Receive License To Preach

Licenses to preach were issued to two young men of the Hertford Methodist Church on Sunday, December 23. The young men, both members of the local Methodist Church, were Corbin Lee Cherry and Carlton Howard Felton. Licenses were presented to them by the minister, the Rev. James A. Auman, on behalf of the Elizabeth City District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications. The boys appeared before the district committee on December 20, after approval by their church's Quarterly Conference, and satisfactorily met requirements necessary for all candidates for the Methodist ministry. Receipt of license to preach is the first step in the seven-year program of study and preparation in order to become ordained ministers.

Corbin Lee Cherry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cherry. He attended Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans High School, having graduated last year. He is now a freshman at Chowan College, where he was a member of the football squad this year. Corbin has been active in the youth program of the local church.

Carlton Howard Felton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Oscar Felton. Also a graduate of the local schools, Howard is now serving with the United States Air Force, stationed in Brooklyn, New York. During the three years he has been in service, he has enrolled for college courses at Texas Christian University and more recently at Brooklyn College, N. Y., where he is now stationed. He will possibly receive his service discharge in June and plans to pursue his college training at High Point College.

The next step for both of these young men, after a period of study and training, will be an application for admission on trial into the North Carolina Conference, and following that will work toward ordination into full service, as traveling ministers.

County Seal Sale Reaches \$997.15 Chairman Reports

The latest report on the progress of the Christmas Seal Sale in Perquimans County, released late last week, revealed local citizens had contributed \$997.15 toward the \$1,300 goal assigned the county. The report was issued by Mrs. C. P. Morris, drive chairman.

Contributions are running slightly ahead of last year but Mrs. Morris again urged all persons who have not contributed to the fund to do so immediately in order that the county committee can bring the drive to a successful conclusion. She pointed out the fight against TB is one that must be constant and continuing and that the District TB Association program calls for just such a fight. However, for this program to be a success it is necessary for everybody to participate in support of the program.

Included in the latest report on contributions were those turned in by Mrs. M. B. Taylor, county representative for the drive, from New Hope \$13, Bethel \$5.05, Pools Grove \$7, Baptist Church \$5.22, St. Paul \$2.26, Bay Branch \$1.60.

DAWN - 1957

Listen to the exhortation of the dawn!
Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the verities
And realities of your existence;
The bliss of growth,
The glory of action,
The splendour of beauty;
For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well therefore to this day!
Such is the salutation of the dawn.

From the Sanscrit

Summary Of Farm Situation Given By County Farm Agent

By R. M. THOMPSON
County Agent

If the "chance" could be taken out of farming, it may not be as interesting, but a lot safer business, and farming is a business today. It is a business that only the efficient will survive. In the old days, it was said that a farmer could go bankrupt every year and still farm. This day is long past. The point of no return has been reached. The farmer today needs to be a scientist, economist, and weatherman. If he is successful in all of these, he is a successful farmer. With all of this, he still isn't in a position to say "I'll take this price." Instead, a farmer has to ask "How much will you pay me?"

Perquimans County had a bumper crop of beans, corn, and cotton, with a better than average yield of peanuts. This is a little different than in the past years when we had good crops, except we couldn't harvest due to hurricanes. This year we harvested our crops, even with 7 days of rain. Rain in this quantity takes its toll. This toll was more in quality than in quantity. Consequently, our net income from farming is in about the same proportion as it was during the past two years. The increase in yield offsets the loss in quality.

Many of the farmers are looking for part time work to tide them over. It is to be that the farmer only worked through the winter, growing and harvesting season. Now, it takes a full year around job to buy the television and other items that the modern family need and require.

The new farm programs haven't really entered into our economy in 1956, but it will in 1957. This will be to a lesser extent than in the future counties.

Marketing received a closer scrutiny from farmers and other people this year than in the past. Changes are needed in our whole market structure. Some of these changes will be drastic, but the farmers are ready. They recognize the need for strong measures.

Altogether, 1956 has been a good year. Our goals have been raised higher. The farmers in Perquimans County have a high standard of living and are making plans for the future. These plans would even be considered if our homes and cars were not high.

TO HONOR MOTHER
The children of Mrs. E. D. McIntosh will honor her on her 50th birthday with open house at the McIntosh Community Building on Monday, December 30, from 3 P. M. to 5 P. M. Friends are cordially invited. Please omit gifts.

March Of Dimes Will Be Conducted During Next Month

The annual Perquimans County March of Dimes is slated to get under way here during the month of January under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Dozier, chairman of the Perquimans County Committee. Details of the local drive will be announced later.

Launching of the drive for funds with which to fight poliomyelitis will coincide with that in 10,000 communities across the nation. Millions of dollars in March of Dimes funds are needed, it is said, to aid thousands of polio patients for whom the Salk vaccine came too late.

It is said that about 75,000 patients all over the country are now on the rolls of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and it is pointed out that many more will in all likelihood be stricken.

Funds are also needed to continue work in scientific research. Rehabilitation, too, requires heavy outlays in order to search out new methods for care and treatment and to provide training for doctors, nurses and other specialists.

By steadily improving the methods of coping medically with the dread disease, scientists whose work is financed by March of Dimes funds have been instrumental in not only cutting down the death rate by more than half since the National Foundation was established in 1938, but also greatly extending the degree of recovery from crippling disease.

The job of wiping out polio is by no means finished, Mrs. Dozier points out. A million dollars is being sought in North Carolina for the cause this campaign season, it was said.

Officers Installed Durants Neck Club

New officers of the Durants Neck Baritan Club were installed at the December meeting of the organization, presided over by President Ervin Turner.

The officers are Matt Spivey, Sr., president; Dick Bruer, vice president; Ernest Sutton, secretary; Ray Godfrey, treasurer; Carson Spivey, director; and Ray Morris, Jr., sergeant-at-arms. Past District Governor E. L. Spivey had charge of the installation. A community service award was presented to Dick Bruer and the MVB sang Christmas carols.

Residents Make Increased Use Of X-ray Services

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer said, "a continuous X-ray service in the control of Tuberculosis is rendered at the District Health Department, and in the Perquimans Health Department."

From January, 1956, through November a total of 2,900 X-rays have been made in the District Health Department in Elizabeth City in cooperation with the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden Tuberculosis Association, which is 340 more than were made during the same period in 1955. Eighty-six of these X-rays were from the Negro pre-natal clinic.

Last year Pasquotank County reported 15 TB cases, Perquimans 5 cases, and Camden 1 case, and North Carolina reported 1,950 cases of Tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is still one of the Health Department's major health problems, according to Dr. B. B. McGuire, for people still believe that TB is inherited, or that it "runs in families." The reason for this is because members of families and others in households live closely together and if one person has the disease it stands to reason others are likely to catch the germ, and with children one should be very careful.

"Basic control is education and there must be no slackening in our efforts to fight Tuberculosis," said Dr. McGuire. For everyone should include a chest X-ray along with a yearly check-up from their doctor.

Deadline Nears For Candidates In Jaycee Contest

Some young Perquimans citizen will receive the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award at the annual DSA banquet which has been tentatively set for January 25, it was reported by Marion Swindell, chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge of the event.

Mr. Swindell pointed out the deadline is rapidly approaching for individuals and clubs to nominate candidates for the 1957 DSA, and he urged those having received nomination blanks to file them with him as soon as possible.

School Holidays End Next Thursday

Perquimans County Schools will resume regular class schedules on Thursday, January 3, following a 13-day Christmas holiday, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

Stream Clearance Meeting Planned

State and Federal Civil Defense officials will conduct two meetings on Friday, December 28 for the purpose of explaining eligibility for receiving Civil Defense funds for stream clearance projects among the counties of Eastern North Carolina, it has been reported by General Edward Griffin, State CD Director. The first of the two meetings will be held at Wilmington at 10:30 A. M., and the second meeting will be at 3:30 P. M., in Washington, N. C.

Officials of the interested counties have been invited to attend these meetings, General Griffin said. Earl Mader, Regional CD engineer will be on hand to explain the eligibility regulations.

Officials in Eastern Carolina, including those of Perquimans County, have been considerably disturbed in recent months because drainage projects they feel are necessary have been rejected by Federal officials.

Boyce Funeral Held Wednesday

Mrs. Delle Ward Boyce, 73, died Monday at 2 P. M., at her home on Hertford Route one, after a long illness. She was the daughter of William and Mary Evans Ward. She was a member of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, J. Horace Boyce; a son, Roy Boyce; five daughters, Mrs. Annie Copeland and Mrs. Marie White, Mrs. May Cooper and Mrs. Peckle White, both of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Myrtle Elliott of Great Bridge, Va.; one brother, William Felton Ward of Great Bridge; three sisters, Mrs. Jo Lane of Elizabeth City, Mrs. George Chappell and Mrs. Robb Chappell; 28 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 P. M., at the Lynch Funeral Home. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Indian Cagers To Resume Play Jan. 4

The Indians and Squaws basketball teams of Perquimans High School will resume their schedule of games, following the holidays, next Friday night, January 4, when they travel to Williamston to play a double header against the Green Wave and Wavelets in conference competition.

On Tuesday, January 8, Tarboro will come to Hertford to play the local teams.

Property Required To Be Listed During January For Taxes

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

American motorists created a new all-time record for highway deaths during the recent Christmas holidays, it has been reported by the National Safety Council. More than 600 deaths resulted from highway accidents during a five-day period starting Friday of last week. The Council report said adverse weather conditions contributed partially to the record.

The new Congress, scheduled to convene next week, has a big job ahead of it. Some of the knotty problems to be worked out will pertain to a bigger budget for defense and foreign aid; aid for refugees and changes are expected to be made in the farm policy here at home.

Economists report inflation will be a major problem for the U. S. next year. The dollar, now worth 50 cents, will be confronted with some rising prices and new rounds of wage increases will also effect the purchasing power of individuals.

Preliminary work on clearing the Suez Canal, now clogged with sunken ships, is getting under way and reports state this important waterway for world shipping will be reopened by late summer next year.

Ferry To Be Named For J. E. Winslow

One of three new ferries to be placed in operation next summer by the State of North Carolina will be named for Highway Commissioner J. Emmett Winslow of Hertford, it was reported from Raleigh last Thursday.

The two other ferries will be named for Governor Luther Hodges and Highway Chairman H. A. Graham.

Orders for the new ferries were approved last week and the report stated, will be placed in operation possibly at Oregon Inlet by July of next year.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106 A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday, January 8, at 8 P. M.

Tax lists for Perquimans County will start next week the task of listing county property for 1957 taxation, it was announced today by Julian C. Powell, County Tax Supervisor.

County tax lists for the various townships are Julian Long, Bethel; Percy Rogerson, Hertford; Mrs. Belle Proctor, Parkville; Mrs. T. C. Perry, Belvidere, and Ernest Sutton, New Hope.

The tax listers will carry out the duties of their office under instructions issued them by the Board of County Commissioners in a special meeting held here on December 17.

The tax lister's job will run through the month of January and all property owners must list their property prior to January 31, otherwise there is a penalty of one dollar for the late listing.

Schedules for tax listers are being published this week and property owners are urged to list early in order to avoid the usual last minute rush.

There are few changes in the listing regulations and the tax rate for the property listed next month will be set by the Board at its meeting in July.

In addition to taking the property list, the workers will also take a farm census. Farmers are urged to prepare lists in advance and to assist list takers in the taking of the census.

Dr. McGuire Explains Polio Vaccine Status

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health officer, this week presented some facts concerning polio vaccine. Dr. McGuire's statement follows:

"Last year when Congress passed the law appropriating federal funds for the purchase of polio vaccine to be used for children whose parents were unable to pay, it was specifically stated that the vaccine must be used for children from birth through 19 years of age, or children who had not reached their 20th birthday. In addition to the children, it was to be used for pregnant women. It is not possible legally for our Health Department to use this vaccine for people over 20 years of age except for pregnant women. Until and unless Congress changes this law to include people over 20 years of age, it is illegal to use this free vaccine for them."