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Committee Now Planning Sale Of Local School Site

Further plans for the sale of the Hertford Grammar School site, located on Market and Grubb streets in Hertford, were developed at a meeting here Tuesday night when a committee representing the Town of Hertford and County Board of Education was formed to handle the details of the sale. Named to the committee was Mayor V. N. Darden, Chas. E. Johnson, J. T. Biggers, S. M. Whedbee and Mrs. T. P. Brinn.

The committee, named at a meeting of the Board of Education, will employ a surveyor to survey and plot the site, prior to the sale which is planned for the month of May. The committee will also decide upon the method of sale; the division of the plot and the date of the sale. It will not be empowered to determine the final sale of the property. This action will rest with the Town Board and Board of Education.

The Board of Education, in its meeting, discussed a proposed plan for drainage of the new Grammar School site and arranged with the Town of Hertford for installation of a new drainage system for this land.

Approval was voted by the Board to relieve Mrs. Ruth Mansfield of her teaching duties at the Central Grammar School, effective April 5. Mrs. Mansfield had requested this for reasons of health.

A discussion on the cost of milk served county school lunchrooms was held by the Board and this matter was tabled pending a discussion of costs with local milk suppliers. It was pointed out during the discussion that local school lunchrooms pay one-half cent more per half pint for milk than is paid by schools in nearby counties.

Demolition Work Started At Base

Demolition work, in preparation for the rebuilding of Harvey Point Air Base, got under way at the site last Tuesday when employees of the Chipwood House Moving Contractors of Columbia, S. C., arrived to start tearing down the old buildings on the base.

The demolition contract was let January 31 and the contract is to be completed within a 90-day period beginning February 11.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announced sometime ago additional contracts on new construction at the site are expected to be let during April of this year.

Library Board To Install Plaque For Miss Winslow

The Perquimans County Library Board in its February meeting approved the design of the bronze plaque which is to be placed in the library in memory of Miss Mae Wood Winslow, who, for many years, served the library board as its chairman. The plaque will be hung, temporarily, in the present library, and will be given a permanent place in the new library quarters when the library is moved.

The Library Board also discussed the State Library plans, as pertaining to this library, for the use of federal funds, should the present Congress appropriate the proposed amount.

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Defendant Waives Hearing On Murder Charge Last Tues.

Matrice Revells, 23-year-old Negro, through her attorney, W. H. Okey, Jr., waived a preliminary hearing before Recorder's Judge Chas. E. Johnson here last Tuesday on a charge of murder. The woman was arrested on the charge following the death last week of Calvin Skinner, Negro, after Skinner had died from wounds inflicted by a knife used by the defendant. The court was advised both Skinner and the defendant suffered wounds inflicted by the other.

Jake Tillett, former operator of the El Dorado, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon upon H. Scott at Tillett's place of business on the night of December 29. He was given a 12 months suspended sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200 and costs and the condition that the defendant not operate a place of business in Perquimans County for a period of two years.

Ashley Hoffer, Negro, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a stop sign violation. Philip Miller was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of speeding. Miller entered a plea of guilty.

Louis Reynolds was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

Varia Gallop, Negro, submitted to a charge of issuing a worthless check. She was ordered to pay the court costs and the amount of the check.

Will Riddick, Negro, was found guilty on charges of assault. George Ferebee, Negro, submitted to a charge of driving without a license and using illegal auto tags. He was fined \$35 and costs of court.

Julius Forbee, Negro, was fined \$50 and costs on a charge of driving without a license. The defendant submitted to the charge.

Ward and Billy Jones were found not guilty on a charge of assault.

A guilty verdict was returned in the case in which William Phillips was charged with assault and battery.

The judgment was con-

tinued in the case in which Julian Lowe, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of disposing of mortgaged property.

Costs of court were taxed against the prosecuting witness, Alberta Jones, Negro, in the case in which she had Herman Felton, Negro, charged with assault.

Costs of court were taxed against Roosevelt Felton, Negro, who submitted to a charge of using an improper muffler.

38 Farmers Signed For Soil Program

Thirty-eight Perquimans County farmers have signed agreements under the Soil Bank 1957 Acreage Reserve Program, Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, said.

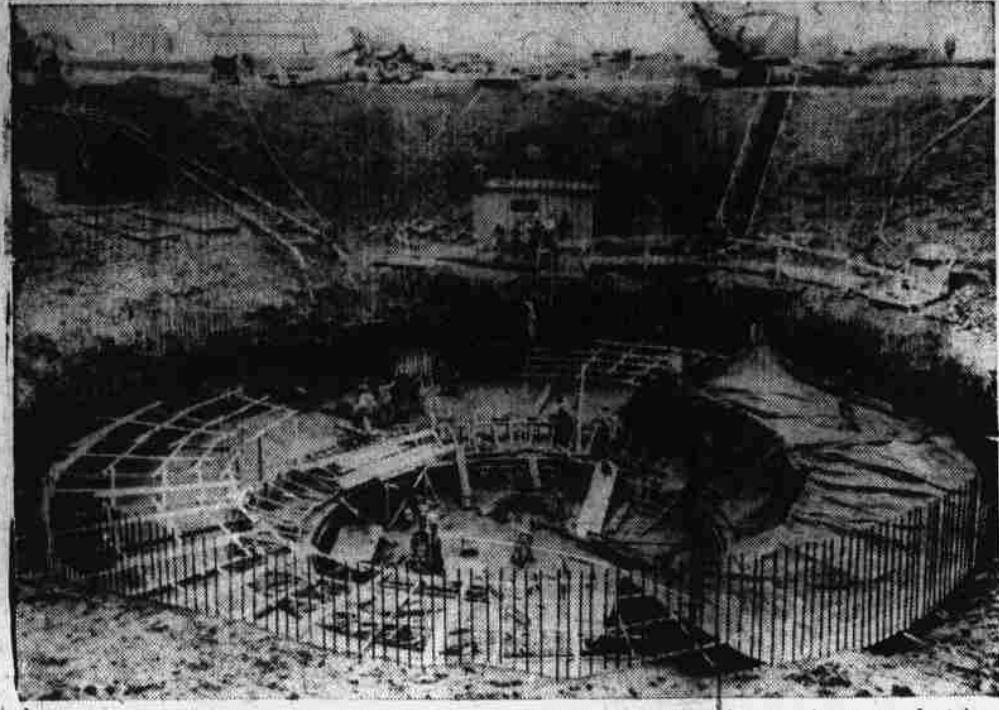
Of this number 28 signed for Cotton Acreage Reserve, agreeing to take out of production 103.1 acres of cotton. Payment on these agreements will amount to \$7,469.90. Ten farmers have signed Corn Acreage Reserve agreements covering 140.9 acres of land with a payment totaling \$5,589.90.

Miss Nixon said that the County ASC Office would continue to accept applications for agreements on a first come, first served basis until the county allocations are exhausted or until March 1 for cotton agreements and March 8 for corn agreements.

Thieves Make Tire Haul At Winfall

Fifteen whitewall tires, with a retail value of about \$500, were stolen from the Winfall Service Station sometime Monday night, it was reported Wednesday by Sheriff J. K. White, who is continuing an investigation of the theft.

Shelton Morgan, owner of the station, discovered the theft Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Sheriff White stated the thieves gained entrance to a store room where the tires were stored, by breaking a lock on a door to the room.



FIRST IN THE NATION—The first commercial-sized, breeder-reactor atomic power plant is gradually shaping up in Monroe, Mich. Shown is the foundation for the atomic reactor building, the dome-shaped unit which will provide the energy for the Enrico Fermi plant. Located at the bottom of a 56-foot excavation, the foundation itself is 20 feet deep and 87 feet across. The breeding process, scientists say, will extend the supply of atomic fuel to outlast the reserves of fossil fuels more than 50 times.

Rally Speaker



DR. B. JOSEPH MARTIN
At a big Methodist laymen's rally to be held in the Perquimans County High School, Hertford, Monday night, February 25, Dr. B. Joseph Martin, president of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., will be the principal speaker.

Methodist Church Will Be Host At Youth Rally Feb. 16

Methodist Youth of the Elizabeth City District will hold their spring rally on Saturday, February 16, at First Methodist Church, Hertford, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

Using as their theme "I Serve", the program for the day will center around the avenues of Christian vocation open to young people in their choice of a life work. Mrs. Elizabeth Tittsworth of Nashville, Tennessee, field representative for Scarriff College, will be featured speaker for the day which will also include announcement of plans for summer activities and introduction to the Lenten reading project. The Rev. Gene Purcell of Ahsokie, will lead a period of fellowship singing preceding the inspirational hour.

Barto Huston of Washington, District MYF president, will preside at the business session at which time a local church will be made. Other district officers who will appear on the program are Charles Henry James and Maude Grey from Elizabeth City. Youth from Manteo, Gatesville, Belhaven, Plymouth and Washington are preparing skits and role playing as a means of presenting future activities for the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The Elizabeth City District is composed of 35 churches of the Albemarle area, with a total of 87 churches. District Directors of youth work are the Rev. L. A. Aiken of Manteo and the Rev. J. A. Auman of Hertford. The Rev. J. A. Couchman, of Elizabeth City, is director of Intermediate work and the Rev. C. Freeman Heath is District Superintendent. All young people attending the rally are requested to bring a picnic lunch which will be served at 12:30 in the fellowship room of the church.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Ward announce the birth of a daughter, Eva Ruth, born Friday, February 8, at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Ward before her marriage was Miss Eva B. Harris.

Ahoskie Chosen As Tournery Site; Play Starts Wednesday

Ahoskie High School was selected to act as host for the 1957 Albemarle Conference basketball tournament at a meeting of the conference officials held February 6 at Williamston. It was announced Williamston and Tarboro have withdrawn from the tourney in order to compete in county tournaments, and therefore the opposition in the conference meet will be furnished by Perquimans, Edenton, Plymouth and Ahsokie.

The tourney is scheduled to get under way Wednesday night of next week. However, the pairings are as yet incomplete. Williamston has clinched the conference title for this season, being without defeat while Perquimans and Edenton are tied for second place. Ahsokie and Plymouth following that order.

In addition to making plans for the dribble derby, the conference officials selected all-conference basketball teams for the 1956-57 season. Four boys were unanimous choice for the team; these being Rogers and Perry of Williamston, a member of Edenton and Bill of Tarboro. Don Baker of Perquimans and Harden of Plymouth tied for fifth place on the team. Selected for honorable mention were Tommy Matthews of Perquimans, Hawkins of Tarboro and Billy Bunch of Edenton.

The girls' all conference team had four unanimous selections, including Blanche Manning of Williamston, Shirley Davis of Ahsokie, Jean Bazemore of Ahsokie, Kay Spear of Perquimans, Romona Stevenson of Tarboro and Narcissa Harrison of Plymouth tied for a forward position on the team, and Sue Shipley of Williamston and Jo Mewborn of Tarboro, tied for guard positions. Honorable mention went to (Continued on Page Eight)

Darden Purchases Store Merchandise

A change in a Hertford business was announced here this week when V. N. Darden purchased the stock of merchandise of Darden Brothers and will operate the business under the name of Darden's Department Store. D. S. Darden, a partner in the firm for many years, is retiring from business.

The new owner announced a formal opening of the store will be held at a later date after new stocks of merchandise have been purchased and received for display.

\$400 Damages In Accident Tuesday

Property damages amounting to \$400 resulted in a highway accident which occurred Tuesday morning at about 8 o'clock in the Beech Springs section when a car driven by W. J. Perry collided with a truck driven by Ralph Sasser. Patrolman B. R. Insoe, who investigated the accident, stated Mr. Perry attempted to make a left turn into a lane when the vehicles collided. Perry was charged with failing to yield the right-of-way. The two drivers sustained minor injuries.

Building And Loan Names Officials; Ups Interest Rate

Directors of the Hertford Building and Loan, following their election at the annual stockholders' meeting held last Wednesday afternoon in the Court House, voted to raise the interest rate paid on the Association's full paid stock from three to 3 1/2 per cent for the dividend payment due June 30, 1957. It was announced following the meeting by A. W. Hefren, president of the Association.

More than 70 per cent of the Association's shareholders were represented at the meeting either in person or by proxy during which the secretary, Max Campbell, reported assets of the Association reached a total of \$198,591.90 on December 31, 1956, for a gain of \$43,581 during the year.

Elected to serve as directors of the association until the next meeting of the stockholders were: A. W. Hefren, C. P. Morris, J. P. Perry, Max Campbell, Chas. E. Johnson, V. N. Darden, Claude White, J. W. Ward, Henry C. Sullivan and R. M. Riddick.

At a meeting of the directors the following officers were elected for the year: A. W. Hefren, president; C. P. Morris and J. P. Perry, vice-presidents; Max Campbell, secretary-treasurer, and Chas. E. Johnson, attorney.

Commenting on the Building and Loan operations during the year, Mr. Hefren stated the association had made loans totaling \$71,200.00 toward aiding local residents to buy, build or repair their homes. This was an increase of approximately 60 per cent in this department as compared with 1955.

It was pointed out during the meeting of the stockholders, the Association had had a 100 per cent growth since 1951 when the assets stood at \$99,085 as compared to the \$198,595 as of December 31, 1956.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Governor Hodges presented his biennial message to the General Assembly Monday night, requesting funds for the largest budget in the state's history, and predicting a tax cut in the event new tax laws are adopted as proposed by a special tax commission. The huge budget includes salary increases for most state employees and Governor Hodges stated necessary expenditures will reach new highs, \$42 million is included in the budget for capital outlay for new state buildings.

The State's overall financial picture appeared rosy to the budget makes, it being predicted future tax revenues will continue to expand providing the funds needed for progress within the state. Governor Hodges dedicated himself to work for continued improvement of the welfare of the people of North Carolina.

Two years ago the General Assembly was faced with a possible shortage of funds to carry on the state's program, and new taxes were among the problems faced at that time but, in spite of the huge budget requested state income during the past two years has been such a surplus now on hand is expected to permit the anticipated spending without additional taxes.

As was predicted from Washington a couple of weeks ago, the Department of Agriculture has announced new cuts in support prices on some farm commodities. The action has been criticized, especially the cut on cotton, but there appears little hope the cuts will be restored. Government losses under farm price supports reached new highs during the past four years and Washington reports state the Administration is likely to try to halt these losses.

Russia proposed a new plan to end tension in the Middle East this week but the U. S. turned down the proposal, which called for the Western powers to withdraw from bases established in the area. Washington termed the Russian proposal an attempt to discredit the Eisenhower plan for the Middle East.

Town Adopts Cash Basis For Future Installation Work

Biggers Named On Region Committee

J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Perquimans Schools, has been named on the regional committee to select the winner of the Far Eastern Region among the students competing for an Anner Duke Scholarship to Duke University. The committee for this district will convene in Washington, N. C., next Monday for the purpose of interviewing the scholarship candidates and selecting the winner.

Mann Rites Held Here Thursday

Mrs. Ruth Gilliam Thach Mann, age 47, died Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in a Norfolk Hospital. She was a native of Hertford and had lived in Norfolk for about 30 years. She was the daughter of the late Benjamin W. and Maude Ballance Thach and a member of the Park Place Methodist Church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Miss Sarah Ruth Mann; two sons, Robert T. Mann and Linwood C. Mann, Jr., all of Norfolk; four brothers, Julian L. of Baltimore, Md., Philip R. and R. Benjamin of Hertford, and the Rev. Harold G. of Gordonsville, Va., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. P. M. Porter, pastor of Anderson Methodist Church.

Burial was held at Cedarwood Cemetery.

Perquimans Wins Pair Of Victories During Past Week

Perquimans Indians closed their 1957 Albemarle Conference basketball schedule at Plymouth Tuesday night scoring a 72 to 65 victory which enabled the local team to finish in second place in the league standing. On Friday night of last week the Indians scored a revenge victory over the Edenton Aces 47 to 44.

The contest at Plymouth was a racehorse affair which required an overtime period to determine the winner. The regular playing time ended with the teams tied at 58-58. Tommy Matthews pumped in 26 points to lead the Indians in victory while Baker collected 22. White 20, Tucker and Whedbee 22 each. Hardon was high scorer for Plymouth with 24 points. The Indians led at halftime by a three-point margin 35-32.

Perquimans started fast against Edenton, gaining a 11-6 lead in the first period and running this to a 24-11 advantage at halftime. Edenton spurted during the second half but was unable to overcome the lead despite a full court press used by the Aces. White led the Indian attack with 18 points, getting 13 of these in the first half. Matthews had 14, Baker and Tucker 6 each and Whedbee hit for three points. Kramer led the Edenton scoring with a total of 17 points.

The Indian Squaws played a fine game to win over the Edenton Aces 42 to 34. McGoogan, with 13 points, sparked the Squaws' offense to a 19-17 lead at halftime after which the Squaws played possession ball to coast to victory. Pierce collected 11 points and Williams had 10 for Perquimans. Rogerson was high scorer for the Edenton girls with a total of 15.

Plymouth girls defeated the Indian Squaws 60 to 41 in the preliminary game Tuesday night. The

All installation work performed by the Town of Hertford in connection with supplying electric power, water and sewer taps will be on a cash basis, it was announced following a meeting of the Town Board Monday night. The regulation will also apply on the installation of driveways, done by town employees.

Under the new regulations adopted by the Town Board property owners desiring these services must apply to the town office for a work permit to be supplied the superintendent of public utilities prior to the start of the job. The work permit will be issued without cost upon payment in advance of the service charges.

The Board was given a report on a survey conducted on service charges made by the Town, as compared to other towns in this section of the state, and a tentative increase in the costs of these services was approved by the Board. However, final adoption of the new rates will not take place until the next meeting of the Board. These new service rates will apply only to installation of new water and sewer taps and not for repair of old taps already installed.

The Commissioners voted to make a donation to the League of Municipalities for the purpose of helping defray expenses of league officials during the current session of the General Assembly.

Approval was voted by the Board for members of the Hertford Police Department to participate in a referendum, to be held in May, to determine if members of the law enforcement association desire to affiliate with the social security program. R. C. Elliott, Town Clerk, was named as the official election officer for this referendum.

The Commission discussed, at some length, the zoning ordinance proposed for the town but no action was taken on this matter since a public hearing is to be conducted prior to final action by the Board.

Churches and Lodge Share In Estate

Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., and 16 churches in Perquimans County were listed among the beneficiaries in the estate of the late James S. McNider, according to the terms of his will which was probated in Perquimans Court Thursday of last week.

A sum of \$25,000 was bequeathed to the lodge, to be organized and invested by the lodge for the cause of charity within Perquimans County.

A sum of \$100, for the purpose of stimulating Sunday School attendance was bequeathed to the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal churches of Hertford, Assembly of God, Oak Grove, New Hope, Woodville Baptist, Winfall Methodist, Belvidere Friends, Saunders Grove, Les Temple, Galatian, Riddick Grove and Bishop Tucker's churches. A sum of \$50 was bequeathed to the Hertford Negro Baptist and Methodist churches for the same purpose and \$100 was bequeathed to the Masonic Temple of Elizabeth City.

The will provided bequests for members of the family with the bulk of the estate going to the widow, Mrs. Harriett McNider and son, James S. McNider, Jr.