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Bonner Reports Funds For Harvey Point Construction Given Committee Approval

Action taken about the middle of last week by the Armed Services Committee postponing approval of construction funds for the Harvey Point Seaplane base at Hertford was rescinded on Thursday, according to word received here from Congressman Herbert C. Bonner.

In a telephone conversation with Mayor V. N. Darden, Mr. Bonner announced the committee had approved allocation of more than \$5,000,000 for construction at Harvey Point during the fiscal year 1958. He stated this approval was made following a conference between the Armed Services Committee, Naval officials and himself. It has been reported the matter has been approved by Appropriations Committee, but remains to be approved by the full Congress.

The amount approved by the committee for the fiscal year 1958 is in addition to the more than \$4,000,000 which has been appropriated for the current fiscal year.

Announcement was made last Thursday that the House Armed Services Committee had postponed any action on the Harvey Point Base after questioning the necessity of the base being constructed before the Navy had seaplanes it planned to base at Harvey Point. The Navy Department had requested authorization for construction in the amount of \$8,051,000.

The Navy Department has announced the Sea Master planes, scheduled to be based at Harvey Point, are in production. It was pointed out the trouble which caused two of these planes to crash has been ascertained and corrected and two additional planes will be flying this fall with 30 others scheduled to be delivered to the Navy in 18 to 24 months.

It was learned, following the telephone conversation between Congressman Bonner and Mayor Darden, the Public Works Office of the Fifth Naval District of which Harvey Point is included, has received word to proceed with plans for Harvey Point as scheduled.

From a reliable source, it was learned, plans are now being readied by the Navy to let contracts for about four million dollars worth of construction, possibly by the middle of June. It is believed these contracts will cover construction of a bulkhead along the Perquimans River, dredging of the river and preparation of other projects to be built during the year starting July 1.

Funeral Services Conducted Tuesday For R. B. Chappell

Ralph Benjamin Chappell, 56, died Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock at the Chowan Hospital after an illness of one week.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County and son of the Rev. M. L. and Fannie Etheridge Chappell.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Helen Dough Chappell; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Hollowell of Ryland, and Mrs. Sidney Broughton of Wilmington, Del.; three brothers, Robert, Moody and Paul Chappell of Tyner.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Center Hill Methodist Church by the Rev. T. M. Porter, assisted by the Rev. Lamar Sentell and the Rev. Paul Holoman.

Burial was in the family cemetery in Perquimans County.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Chappell, a son, May 18, at the Chowan Hospital.

Soil Samples

"It is not too early," said Helen W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, "to begin taking soil samples on land that will be planted to small grain and winter cover crops during the fall season."

Miss Nixon stated that she had information to the effect that the Soil Testing Laboratory of the State Department of Agriculture is not heavily loaded with samples at this time. They are, therefore, in position to give reasonably quick service in analyzing soil samples and reporting lime and fertilizer needs of those soils.

Research studies have indicated that application of limestone and fertilizer in accordance with soil test analysis gives uniformly good results, with a minimum expenditure for those materials. Miss Nixon suggests that farmers plan ahead and submit soil samples now in order that they may know their needs when filing for ASC cost-sharing for all seeding under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Seven Face Charge Of Destruction Of Personal Property

Seven Negroes from Pasquotank County, all residents of Route four, Elizabeth City, were arrested Tuesday by Sheriff J. K. White on charges of destroying personal property owned by Nathan Spivey and Willie Taylor of Durants Neck, and obstructing a public highway.

Sheriff White reported Franklin Felton, Prince Pool, James Pool, Aaron Brown, Morris Banks, George Harney and Monroe James drove to a site near the Spivey home on the night of May 24 and, once there, tore down about 400 yards of electric fencing and a private bridge using the materials to barricade a road leading to the Perquimans River.

The group, it was reported by the Sheriff, caused considerable damage to adjacent fields and the highway. A hearing has been set for the group in Recorder's Court on June 4.

Sheriff White stated he had received statements from all of the defendants admitting the crime.

Numerous complaints have been made recently by residents of the area concerning petty thefts in the neighborhood. Losses reported have been gas from tractors and parts taken from tractors left in the fields.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Noah Gregory on Thursday night, June 6. Mrs. C. A. Davenport, president, urges all members to attend.

The Land—Promise And Fulfillment

By D. A. WILLIAMS, Administrator U. S. Soil Conservation Service

This is Soil Stewardship Week, May 26 to June 2, sponsored by the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts and national church organizations, and again focuses attention on the kinship between a man's spiritual beliefs and the soil resources on which his life depends.

Our awareness of such relationship is always with us, consciously or unconsciously. Some see the kinship most clearly from a pine-blanketed mountain as they look out over woods, striped fields and clear-running streams or sparkling lakes.

Others find it in turning a spadeful of living soil in the cool of the morning, or in the mellow roll of the furrow slice at plowing time. For soil not only gives life, it in itself is a living thing, a combination of living organisms around a skeleton of finely ground particles of sand, silt and clay.

All of us agree our dependence on the soil in the food we eat, many of the clothes we wear and in our houses.

The longing for land ownership—ownership of the acres one operates, a desire for that "poultry farm" to which one will retire, or "just a place to raise a few flowers" represents man's feeling that land is something stable, something to which he can sink his roots. In it he finds security and peace.

Closely allied to that desire to possess land is the hope and the promise of fulfillment which land gives—hope for stability, for security, for peaceful living; the promise of bountiful harvests, food and a place one can call home.

This longing for land is universal. It surges no less in the heart of a Chinese, an Asian, or a European than in the heart of a North American.

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John Morris Named Manager Of Indians Play Starts Tues.

John Morris, former star athlete at Perquimans High School and a member of the Duke University baseball team, has been named manager of the Perquimans Indians of the Albemarle League. It was reported here by Cliff Banks, president of the local club.

Morris will assume his duties as manager of the team on his arrival home after Duke has competed in the NCAA baseball playoff now in progress. Local fans are pleased with the selection of the manager for the Indians. Johnny has played several seasons in the league and last year was voted the outstanding player in the league.

Prospects for the coming season appear bright for the Indians. A large number of players have been trying out for berths and Mr. Banks stated the Indians will endeavor to provide the fans with plenty of good baseball during the coming summer.

The Albemarle League season gets under way next Monday, June 3, with the Indians scheduled to play in Hertford against Sunbury on Wednesday night, June 5. Season tickets for the home games to be played by the Indians are still on sale and may be purchased from any member of the board of directors.

The Indians' schedule for the coming week follows:
Tuesday: At Sunbury.
Wednesday: Sunbury, here.
Thursday: Camden, here.
Friday: At Camden.

Miss Mable Keel Enters Pageant

Miss Mable Keel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keel of Hertford, will be seeking honors in the Albemarle Beauty pageant to be conducted in Elizabeth City June 12, 13, 14 by the Elizabeth City Junior Chamber of Commerce, it was reported by Bill Meekins of the Jaycee committee.

Miss Keel is a member of the Perquimans High School Class of '57 and her talent is singing. She has hopes of continuing her music studies at Radford College, Radford, Va.

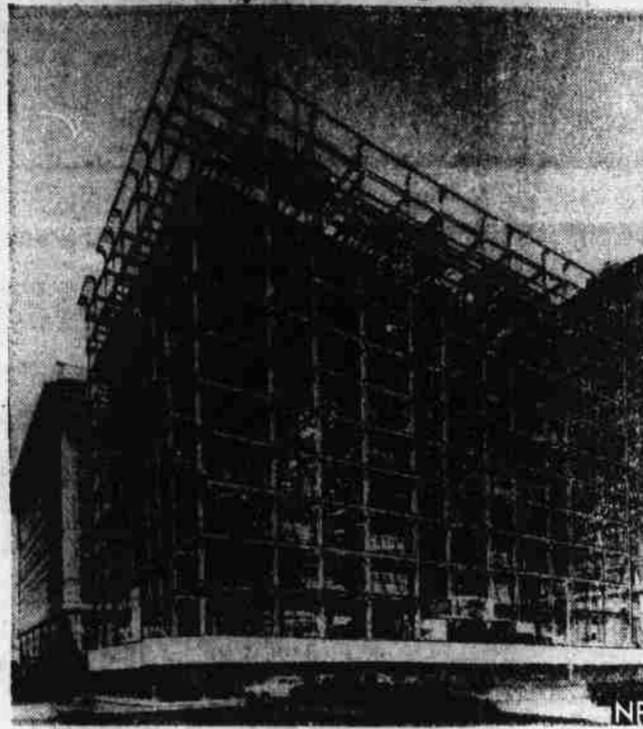
Warren Hewlett, chairman of the pageant committee, announced the program this year will be conducted at the S. L. Sheep School auditorium and will be divided so part of the program will be presented on each of the three nights.

Edward Lee Madre, Ophelia Mansfield, Crafton Matthews, Jo Ann Matthews, Doris Jean Morgan, Herby Nixon, Roger Nixon, Shelby Jean Overton, Philip Phillips, Leonard Pierce, Zack Robertson, Jr., Jesse Rountree, Evangeline Saunders, Anne Sawyer, Martin Sawyer, Kay Spear, Doris Jean Stallings, Marcia Stallings, Margaret Ann Sutton, Monon Trueblood, Della Faye Ward, Gladys Umphlett, Rosa Sue Ward, Charles Whedbee, Mary Ann White, Ralph White, Emilie Wilder, Jeannette Williams, Sally Hollowell Williams, Arnold Winslow and Jane Winslow.

Mrs. Winslow To Head Hotel Group

Mrs. Emmett Winslow of Hertford, managing director of the Carolina Hotel at Nags Head, has been elected president of the North Carolina Hotel Association. She is the first woman ever selected to head the organization. Other officers were Maurice Puckett of Asheville, vice president, and Ken Cross of Charlotte, secretary-treasurer.

Going Up or Going Down?



STROLLERS on New York's fashionable Park Avenue have been puzzled lately by this unique steelwork skeleton of a building and wonder, is it going up or going down? The answer: it's going down to provide room for Union Carbide's new 52-story skyscraper, which will be the new home office of the corporation. Ordinarily, demolition men remove brickwork from the top floors and then follow closely behind with the removal of steel. In this case, demolition experts decided it would be more efficient to tear down the thousand tons of steel after removing all the brickwork.

Seniors To Conduct Commencement At Perquimans High

Perquimans High School will hold its 32nd Commencement Exercises Friday night, May 31, when members of the Senior Class conduct the program marking graduation for the class of 1957.

The program will open with invocation by Doris Jean Morgan, followed by musical numbers by the Glee Club. Addresses will be delivered by the three top ranking members of the class. Charles Whedbee, Valedictorian, will speak on the subject of Education Yesterday; Edgar Fields, Jr., Salutatorian, will talk on Education Today and Charles Johnson, Jr., will talk on Education Tomorrow.

Sandy Divers will present the class gift to the school and benediction will be by Margaret Sue Sutton.

The class of 1957 has a total of 58 members as candidates for diplomas which will be presented by J. E. Morris, chairman of the Board of Education. Class members are: Don Baker, Jesse Boyce, Talmage Byrum, Atwood Chappell, C. B. Chappell, Joanne Chappell, Thomas Chappell, Douglas Coleman, Nora Grace Cook, Sylvia Copeland, Roger Dillon, Sandy Divers, Alice Gray Elliott, Mac Elliott, Petty Ann Felton, Edgar Fields, Jr., Eula Harrell, Pat Harrell, Lillian Ann Hoffer, Carolyn Gay Howell, Lois Howell, Kathleen Hurdle, Charles Johnson, Jr., Mable Frances Keel, Evelyn Lane, Nancy Lane, Avis Layden.

The National Baseball League this week approved requests by the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers to move from the New York area to the west coast. Sports reporters have predicted the move for several weeks and the way is now cleared for the clubs to negotiate the transfer with officials in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

NAMED TO OFFICES AT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE
Miss Barbara Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Edwards, has been elected president of the Woman's Recreational Association at Wake Forest College, where she is a student. She has also been named scrapbook chairman of Modern Dance Club and publicity chairman for Physical Education majors.

MISS JO PAT STOKES TO RECEIVE NURSES' CAP
Miss Jo Pat Stokes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Stokes, who entered the School of Nursing at Watts Hospital last September, has completed the pre-clinical course and will receive her cap at the capping exercises June 2 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Durham.

Charles Phillips Is Speaker At Rotary Meeting

State Educators are constantly working to solve the problems resulting from the ever-growing enrollment of public schools and colleges. Charles Phillips, head of the Public Relations Department of WCUNC, told members of the Hertford Rotary Club at their meeting held here Tuesday night.

Mr. Phillips, former District Governor of Rotary International, has been associated with Woman's College for a number of years and he pointed out WCUNC is the largest women's college in the United States; every county in North Carolina, except two, is represented among the student body.

Stating that WCUNC, as a part of the University of North Carolina, belongs to the people, Mr. Phillips told the Rotarians he was happy to report the college is doing a wonderful job in preparing young ladies for an active future in the business and professional world as well as homemakers.

He urged the public to give full support for future growth of the school facilities, pointing out that there is a net gain of one baby in the United States every 12 seconds which means a total of 30 every six minutes. That means the need for a new classroom to provide schooling for the additional children.

Housing of students is an ever-growing problem for colleges, the speaker said, and this may lead to establishment of more community colleges within the state which will ease the housing problem by permitting students to gain college educations while living at home.

North Carolina at the present time, Mr. Phillips said, has a total of 65 colleges offering educational opportunities to almost everybody who wants to secure it.

BPW Club Elects New Officers At Meeting Tuesday

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club met Tuesday night at the Agriculture Building for the purpose of electing officers for the year 1957-58 and to formulate plans to attend the State Convention at Goldsboro, June 9-10-11-12.

Mrs. Alice M. Towe presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Roxanna C. Jackson. Mrs. Sally J. Bonner, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a double slate of officers to the club and the following were elected: President, Mrs. Alice M. Towe; first vice president, Miss Thelma Elliott; second vice president, Mrs. Betty T. Swindell; recording secretary, Mrs. Miriam (Keith) Haskett; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Dora T. Riddick, and treasurer, Mrs. Essie W. Burbage.

Mrs. Towe was the club's first president when it was organized in 1948. She is currently Editor of The Tar Heel Woman, the State Magazine for the North Carolina Federation, which she will relinquish in June when the officers will be officially installed.

Seek Improvement Rural Mail Boxes

W. W. White, Hertford Postmaster, announced the annual mail box improvement program, sponsored by the Post Office Department, will be observed for a two-week period starting June 3.

Mr. White pointed out patrons of the post office are urged to help speed mail delivery by seeing that mail boxes are properly erected and maintained for easy, safe accessibility. Names of the patrons should be visible to the mail carrier and it also helps if the box is properly numbered.

TO PREACH SUNDAY

Jesse Ray Mansfield, a freshman at Chowan College, will preach at Great Hope Baptist Church Sunday, June 2, at 11 A. M. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mansfield, Route one, Hertford. The public is invited to attend the services.

School Officials Notified Cut Made In Garage Claim

Commissioners To Meet Next Monday

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold its June meeting next Monday, June 3, beginning at 10 A. M., in the Court House. Final action on a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is expected to be considered by the Board and a tax rate set for 1957-1958.

Individuals desiring to confer with the Board are asked to note the time and place of the meeting.

Sarah Faye Wood Wins 4-H Contest

Miss Sarah Faye Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wood, Jr., of Route 3, Hertford, was declared winner of the Junior 4-H Corn Meal Muffin Contest, which was held on Thursday afternoon, May 23, at Winfall Grammar School.

Other entrants were Ann Benton, Jean Bagley and Lydia Riddick. This contest was based on Corn Meal Muffins that each girl made under the eyes of the judges, Miss Shirley Eare, Assistant Dietician at Elizabeth City, Miss Mairied Morris, home agent, Edenton, and Miss Betty Sugg, assistant home agent, Elizabeth City.

The muffins made were all high scoring muffins. They revealed that many practices had been made before the contest day.

Teenagers Held On Car Theft Charges

Five Elizabeth City teenage Negro boys were bound over for action by the November term of Perquimans Superior Court on charges of stealing an automobile from the Hollowell Chevrolet Company lot last Saturday night, after a preliminary hearing was conducted before Recorder Chas. E. Johnson last Tuesday.

The youths, Herbert Melton, Joseph Turner, George Doxey, William Mitchell and Alfred Williams, were arrested by Police Officer M. G. Owens after the stolen car had been located by R. A. Willis, salesman for the local car agency. Owens testified three of the youths were sitting in the rear near Market and Edenton Road Streets, when he went to the scene accompanied by Mr. Willis. The officer reported William Mitchell gave him a statement admitting he had taken the car from the lot and followed a car containing the other youths to the point where the car was discovered by Willis. All of the defendants except Mitchell denied knowledge Mitchell intended to steal a car when he was at the Hollowell place of business.

Bond for Mitchell was set at \$300 while bond for the other four youths was set at \$200, pending appearance at the Superior Court term.

Willie Lee Winslow, Negro, was found guilty on charges of failing to yield the right-of-way and reckless driving. He was arrested following an accident at the corner of Dobb and Hyde Park streets last Saturday. The accident resulted in some \$700 worth of damages to two cars hit by Winslow. The defendant was given a 12-months jail sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court and the payment of \$300 to Alfred White, Negro, and \$200 to Ellis Weaver for damages.

Thomas Copeland submitted to a charge of being drunk and paid the court costs.

Asa Stallings, charged with failing to yield a right-of-way, paid the costs of court after submitting to the charge.

Joe Harrell was fined \$10 and costs after pleading guilty to

Officials of the Perquimans Board of Education are anticipating an early settlement with the Government for losses sustained here last February when a Navy plane crashed into the school garage.

A claim for losses, in the amount of \$34,621, filed by the Board with the Fifth Naval District has been forwarded to the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., where it is being processed for presentation to the Congress for payment.

An official in the Washington office, last Friday, notified School Superintendent J. T. Biggers the Adjutant General's department had depreciated the claim to the sum of \$33,000 and should the county authorities agree to this reduction the entire claim will be approved at the new figure and payment for the loss will be expedited as rapidly as possible.

It is understood the claim as filed by the local board for the loss of the building, activity bus and other county property had been approved for payment but a number of articles listed as lost, which were reduced to a figure making the over-all claim total \$33,000.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has advised the local officials he will endeavor to have the action handled by Congress as soon as it can be processed in order that the county may be reimbursed and have funds to rebuild the garage and restore this operation of the school transportation system.

Mr. Biggers reported State officials as well as local officials have approved acceptance of the compromised settlement proposed by the Adjutant General's office.

Second Series Of Polio Shots Will Be Given Next Week

Individuals who participated in the Anti-Polio clinic conducted here by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the County Polio Committee, will have the opportunity to receive their second shot of vaccine on June 6 or 7, it was reported by D. F. Reed, Jr., Chairman of the Jaycee Committee.

This second polio shot clinic will be conducted at the Municipal Building in Hertford on Thursday and Friday nights of next week, Mr. Reed said. Dr. C. A. Davenport and Dr. T. P. Brinn will again be the physicians in charge of the program.

Persons who desire to receive these anti-polio shots but who failed to attend the first clinic may receive their first shot by applying next week. Mr. Reed stated, and arrangements will be made for these persons to receive a second shot at a later date. A third shot of the vaccine will be made available in about six or seven months from the date of the clinic next week.

It was pointed out that persons who have received the first shot should appear to receive the second shot in order for the vaccine to be effective. It has been reported only one shot of the vaccine has little if any effect in preventing the disease.

PIANO RECITAL

Miss Kate Blanchard is presenting her piano pupils in the spring recital Tuesday night, 8 o'clock, June 4, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend.