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Town Board Votes To Install System Of Communication

In anticipation of future expansion of the Town of Hertford, especially with the reactivation of Harvey Point, members of the Town Board, in regular meeting on Monday voted approval for the purchase of a communication system to be installed for use by law enforcement officers, fire department, utility department and the local civil defense organization.

Mayor V. N. Darden pointed out to the commissioners total costs of the system will be about \$4,000 and that one half of the costs will be provided by the State Civil Defense authorities.

The unit, when installed, will broadcast on the same frequency as the State Highway Patrol and will be used for all types of emergencies. It is anticipated the equipment cannot be secured and installed for at least four or five months. Bids on the equipment have been secured from three suppliers.

The Board voted to pay the Farmers' Mart a sum of \$25 per month, an amount set by a board of arbitration, for rental of property used by the town, since the purchase of the property by Jessie Lee Harris last year.

After some discussion over criticism voiced concerning the bath house located on the town pier at the foot of Grubb Street, the Board voted to have town employees tear down this house and also repair the pier.

Approval was also voted requesting the Perquimans Recreation Committee to make final settlement for the purchase of the old Hertford Grammar School site in order that the town may give title to this property to the committee.

Special Jury From County To Serve In Currituck Court

Acting under orders issued by Judge Chester Morris, the County Commissioners last Saturday selected a special jury of 25 Perquimans County residents to serve in Currituck County court at a term starting January 21.

Selected for this special jury service were E. Earl Winslow, Norman Elliott, Clyde White, Elwood White, J. Clifton Morgan, Robert L. Hellowell, Estes Copeland, Hazel Jackson, W. W. Riddick, Thomas Lane, Edwin S. White, C. T. Chappell, Robert Lee Casper, Marvin Hunter, Julian Broughton, William Leroy Lamb, Carson Spivey, Mary Etta Walters, Alphonso Dail, Woodrow B. Stallings, W. A. Elliott, John Simpson, Charlie Wilder, R. E. Mathews and W. S. Benton.

The jury was ordered summoned from Perquimans County following a hearing conducted last week in which a plaintiff in a civil action in the Currituck court sought a change of venue from that court on grounds that the defendants, law enforcement officers, were too well known to possible Currituck jurors.

Judge Morris ruled, following the hearing, the defendants were well known and a special venire should be selected from Perquimans County to hear the case.

The case involves a Pasquotank Negro girl who, through her next friend, her mother, is seeking damages against Sheriff L. L. Dozier and Deputy Sheriff Dowdy as a result of an alleged shooting in a potato field near Harbinger several months ago.

A criminal charge brought against Dowdy has been heard and Dowdy was acquitted of the charge.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Raleigh announce the birth of a son, John Tucker Martin, born Sunday, January 12, in Raleigh. Mrs. Martin is the former Miss Ruth Tucker.

County Board To Meet Friday P. M.

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners has been called for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it was announced by A. T. Lane, chairman of the board. The meeting was called for the purpose of conferring with officials of the State Highway Department over road plans in this county.

Soil Supervisors In Meeting Here

The supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District met in Hertford Thursday night of last week and elected officers for the coming year. L. C. Bunch of Chowan County was named chairman; H. A. Leary of Camden, vice chairman; and Ralph Powers of Currituck, secretary.

The state convention meeting, held in Winston-Salem this week, was discussed and a number of the supervisors expressed plans to attend, including George G. Winslow and Joseph Nowell from Perquimans.

It was voted the group will continue sponsorship of its poster contest among the schools of the district, during the month of March with the winning entries to be displayed in Elizabeth City during the month of April.

The Perquimans County supervisors had as their guests at the meeting here J. T. Biggers, superintendent of schools, R. M. Thompson, county agent, and Joe Tunnell, vocational teacher at the Perquimans High School.

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Formal opening of the Hertford Banking Company's new \$130,000 building was observed here Wednesday night, when some 400 persons, including visitors from a number of towns in North Carolina, Virginia and New York attended the open house sponsored by the bank.

From the opening hour of 7 o'clock until 9:30 a constant stream of persons gathered to inspect the new building and its furnishings, termed one of the most modern banking houses in the state. Much favorable comment on the building was heard from the visitors.

District Soil Conservation Officers



Meeting in Hertford Thursday night, officers for the Albemarle Soil Conservation District were elected for the year 1958. The officers, pictured above, are, left to right, Ralph Powers of Currituck County, secretary; H. A. Leary of Camden County, vice chairman, and Lloyd C. Bunch of Chowan County, chairman. It is the tenth consecutive year Mr. Bunch has been elected to serve as chairman of the group.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Washington reaction, it is reported, is favorable toward the 74-plus billion dollars requested by President Eisenhower for operation of the government the next fiscal year. Biggest portion of the budget will go for defense and it has been indicated additional funds may be requested before the year ends. There is no hint that cuts will be made in operations of domestic programs.

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Hertford Pastor Is Named By Jaycees "Man Of The Year"

The Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, was paid high tribute this week in being named by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce as the community's outstanding "Young Man of the Year." Mr. Auman was presented the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award at the organization's annual banquet held Wednesday night in the cafeteria of the Hertford Grammar School. Special guests at the meeting included the wives of the Jaycees and ladies who assisted the unit in the community birthday calendar project sponsored by the Chamber, and James Price, 10th District Vice President from Aboskie and Mrs. Price.

Charles Skinner, Jr., president of the Jaycees, presided over the dinner meeting and William R. Henderson was the guest speaker for the occasion. He was introduced by Henry C. Stokes, Jr., past Jaycee president. Presentation of the award was made by Mr. Henderson, who is past state president of the Jaycees and now director of state purchases and contracts.

The Jaycees' Young Man of the Year award is an annual event, the selection being made by a group of judges over the age of 35 years from a list of nominees submitted by various organizations of the county. Hilton White was chairman of the 1957 DSA Committee Committee.

The award is given to the young man under the age of 35 the judges find through a point system, has contributed most to the advancement of the community during the past 12 months. The selection of Mr. Auman for the honor this year was based upon his participation and activities in community, civic and church projects.

Some of the activities of Mr. Auman were: Committee membership for establishment of a mental health clinic; leader in youth activity in the county; cooperation given youth programs such as Boy Scouts.

During the year he served as district director of youth work, district director of Christian vocations; worked on establishing two new colleges. Active in the development of a teenage recreation center and the PTA.

He has won recognition for reorganization of youth programs in the churches of this area, and has been selected to lead a Methodist Youth Caravan to Europe next summer.

He has shown a willingness to work for the promotion of all civic projects and has given generously of time and money to advance these programs within the community. Jaycee Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Henry C. Sullivan and Tim Matthews by the Jaycee president, Charles Skinner, Jr., for services rendered in connection with the Jaycee projects.

Town And County Sponsors Groundbreaking Ceremony: Harvey Point Seaplane Base

Funeral Services Held Monday For Robbins Blanchard

Funeral services for William Robbins Blanchard, age 65, who died Saturday night at 9:55 in the Albemarle Hospital following an illness of seven months, were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Twiford's Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. J. A. Auman, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Soft music was played during the service by Mrs. J. Ellie White, organist.

The casket was covered with a pall of red carnations, white pom-poms and white snapdragons. Pallbearers were L. C. Winslow, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Elton Hurdle, Ralph Jordan, Joe Towe and G. A. White.

Christian Workers School Planned In Hertford Jan. 26-28

Methodist Churches in Chowan and Perquimans Counties will hold a Christian Workers' School at the Methodist Church in Hertford on January 26, 27 and 28. The sessions will begin each evening at 7:30 and end at 9:30. The Rev. J. A. Auman, minister of the church, and dean of the school, stated that the course was an accredited one, being held in cooperation with the North Carolina Conference Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

Sanford Funeral Conducted Sunday

Funeral services for William H. Sanford, 69, who died Friday, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Colon Jackson, Jr. To Receive Degree

Colon S. Jackson will be awarded the bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at the mid-year commencement exercises January 17.

Education Mission Scheduled Feb. 9th

An Educational Mission will be conducted at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hertford beginning Sunday, February 9, and continuing through Thursday, February 13, it was announced today by the Rev. Paul Shultz, rector of the church.

Final Appeal Made For TB Seal Funds

Reminders have been sent citizens in Perquimans County for the benefit of those who have overlooked, or lost their Christmas Seal envelopes, said Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of Perquimans County. Over \$250 is still needed to meet the quota for the Christmas Seals.

Bonds Ordered For Defendants Not In Court Last Tuesday

Two defendants who failed to appear in Perquimans Recorder's Court last Tuesday to answer charges against them were ordered apprehended and placed in jail unless they furnish cash bonds for appearance at the next session of the court. Folsten Whidbee, Negro, charged with driving without a license and with improper lights was ordered held for \$100 bond while David Jones, Negro, charged with driving a truck with exceeding height limits, was ordered held for a \$50 bond.

Mrs. Harris Named Dimes Chairman

Mrs. Edison Harris will direct the 1958 March of Dimes campaign in Perquimans County according to an announcement made this week by the headquarters for the program in Chapel Hill.

Russell Bellezza

Word was received here Tuesday of the death of Russell Bellezza, former Hertford resident, at his home in Washington. Funeral services were conducted at a Washington funeral home Wednesday.

Officials of Hertford and Perquimans County, in cooperation with the Fifth Naval District, are planning a groundbreaking ceremony at the Navy's multi-million dollar seaplane base site, Harvey Point, Hertford, it was announced here Wednesday following formation of a committee to arrange the program.

Tentative date set for the event is Monday, January 27, 1958 at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Representatives of the town and county governments met on Tuesday night and named Mayor V. N. Darden and A. T. Lane, Chairman Board County Commissioners, as co-chairmen of the committee with Robert L. Hollowell, program chairman and Max Campbell, publicity chairman.

Special invitations to the event will be issued to some 50 public and Navy officials and newspaper representatives from Raleigh, Norfolk, Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md. Public officials receiving invitations will be Governor Luther Hodges, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, Senator Sam Erwin, Senator W. Kerr Scott, Mayors Levin Culpepper and Ernest Kehayes, Commissioners Paul Penny and W. W. Byrum, State Senators Elton Aydtlett and William Copeland and State Representatives Carrol Holmes and Albert G. Byrum.

The groundbreaking event will be staged at the Naval Seaplane Facility at Harvey Point and the committee is hopeful permission will be granted by the Navy Department permitting the public to join in the ceremony.

The program will mark the opening operations toward reactivating the Harvey Point Naval Base, which is scheduled to become the home port for the Martin SeaMaster plane now in production.

Employees of the Diamond Construction Company are now located at the base beginning work on the initial contract of installing a seawall along the Perquimans River, and installing some drainage systems on the site. In addition to this \$2,184,000 contract other contracts are expected to be awarded for the base during the next six months.

Walter Lilly, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was given a 30-day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

James Elliott entered pleas of guilty to three counts during the term presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson. He was given a 60-day sentence on a charge of larceny and two 30-day sentences for failing to observe a stop sign and reckless driving. The sentences were ordered suspended upon payment of fines totaling \$150 and costs of court.

Clinton Riddick, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of assault and he was ordered to pay the costs of court.

James Leigh and Oliver Moots, charged with following too closely, submitted to the charges and each paid the court costs.

Raymond Hassell, Negro, paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of allowing his car to be operated by an unlicensed driver.

Vivian Gallop was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of driving without a license.