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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.

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.

Special Jury From County To Serve In Currituck Court

County Sanitary Ratings Listed By Health Officer

Sanitary ratings for the various foodhandling establishments, lodging places, etc., in Perquimans County based on the last periodic inspections made in 1957 by the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan District Health Department were released by D. G. Brown, District Sanitation, this week.

The ratings were based on a system of grading with those establishments receiving a rating of at least 90 per cent or more being awarded a Grade "A"; those receiving a rating of 80 per cent and less than 90 per cent rated Grade "B" and those receiving a rating of at least 70 per cent but less than 80 per cent were classed Grade "C". No establishment having a rating less than 70 per cent or Grade "C" is permitted to operate in accordance with State

Fire Department Gets Water Tanker

An auxiliary water tanker, with a capacity of 2,000 gallons, has been secured for use by the Hertford Fire Department and the county's Civil Defense organization. It was announced here Wednesday by Charles M. Harrell, chairman of the Civil Defense Committee.

The local departments were notified the equipment, reported to be of vast value to the Fire Department in fighting rural

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. Hollowell, 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.

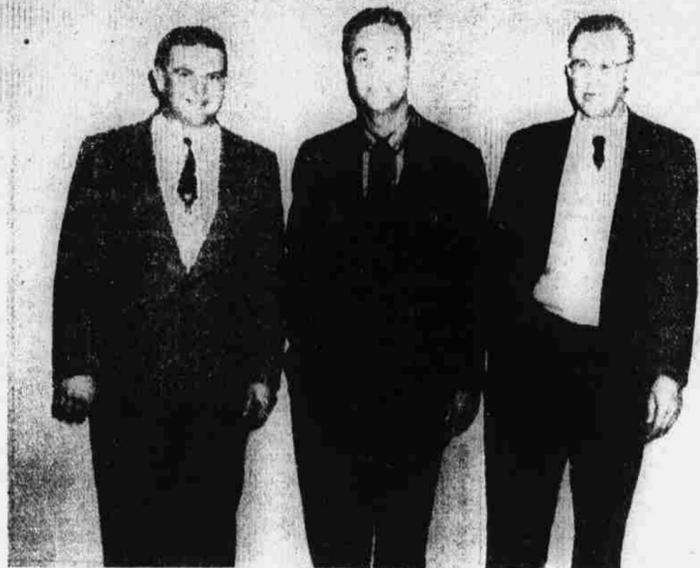
The case involves a Pasquotank Negro girl who, through her next friend, her mother, is seeking damages against Sheriff L. L. Dozier and Deputy Sheriff Dowdy as a result of an alleged shooting in a potato field near Harbinger several months ago.

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.

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.

Administration officials report, despite increased spending, the fiscal budget will be in balance; however, the Congress was requested this week to increase the ceiling for government debt by a total of five billion dollars. This request is also expected to receive approval by Congress.

Higher rates for postal services it is anticipated, will be enacted this year, according to Washington reports. The Administration has requested letter rates be increased to five cents and other classes of mail get higher rates. A previous request for a four-cent letter rate, during the last session of Congress, got no where but it is predicted the rate boost will be voted this session.

The U. S. and some Allies have advised Russia its request for a summit conference to work out peace programs meet with approval but before such a conference is called all nations must agree on an agenda that will be carefully prepared and shows good hope of promoting world peace.

A proposal, made by Walter Reuther, head of the Auto Workers Union, that car manufacturers share profits, has been rejected by heads of the three major manufacturers. Reuther made the proposal as a preliminary measure to bargaining over labor contracts to be drawn this year.

Bank Open House Draws Large Crowd

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.

Refreshments and favors were available to the guests attending the event.

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.



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.

Sanford Funeral Conducted Sunday

The church choir sang "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "Abide With Me." The casket was covered with a pall of white chrysanthemums, white gladioli and red carnations.

Pallbearers were J. H. Towe, W. B. Jordan, Bill Cox, V. N. Darden, Charles F. Sumner and J. W. Dillon. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

He was the son of the late George Edward and Mary Louise Sanford, husband of Dorcas Ballance Sanford, a native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County.

Surviving are three sons, John of Baltimore, Edward R. of Pine Bluff and Charles S. Sanford of the U. S. Army at Columbus, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. Dan Williams of Hertford and Mrs. William Crumney of Edenton; two brothers, Girt Sanford of South Norfolk and John T. Sanford of Windsor; one sister, Mrs. Sadie Jones of South Norfolk; 14 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 108 A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Russell Baker, master, urges all members to attend and at the same time extends a cordial invitation to visiting Masons to attend.

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.

Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mr. Blanchard was a native and life-long resident of Perquimans County having lived with his sister, Mrs. J. Moody Matthews of Route 1. He was the son of the late Lucius and Charlotte Brinn Blanchard, a member of the First Methodist Church in Hertford and was retired from J. C. Blanchard & Company where he was employed for over 30 years.

Besides Mrs. Matthews, he is survived by three other sisters, Mrs. Em Parker of Charleston, S. C., Mrs. Tom White of Route 1, and Miss Annie Blanchard of Richmond, Va.

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.

"This area is fortunate in having some outstanding leaders to conduct the sessions," stated Mr. Auman. It is urged that any person interested in the work of the church, enroll in the school. Six hours are available in the courses with five completed hours necessary for credit.

Courses being taught include "Understanding The Bible" by Mrs. R. E. Brown of Raleigh, "Adult Work in the Church" by the Rev. J. L. Joyce, Havelock, "Understanding Youth" by Mrs. H. R. Odum of Gibson and "Home and Church Cooperating in Children's Work" by Mrs. V. E. Queen of Durham.

The course on "Understanding Youth" is a valuable one for both workers with youth in the church and parents of youth. Mrs. Odum's textbook is "Youth and

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.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Jackson of Hertford, he is a graduate of Perquimans High School, Chowan Junior College and Wake Forest College. He was licensed to preach by Hertford Baptist Church in 1949 and received his ordination from Burgess Baptist Church in 1951.

Jackson now is pastor of Samaria Baptist Church, Middlesex.

Jackson's wife is the former Doris Faye Allen of Durham.

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.

The Rev. John Prior of Windsor will be the special leader of the gathering; to be held each night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Shultz issues an invitation to the public to attend the services and take part in the program, which centers around the subject "What the Church Believes and Teaches." He also urges Hertford members and friends to adjust their schedules that they may plan to attend all the services.

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.

Mrs. Morris said 486 chest X-rays had been made in Perquimans Health Department, and all films and solutions are paid for by Christmas Seal dollars—63 X-rays were from colored pre-natal clinic. Of 1,850 TB cases in North Carolina for 1957, Perquimans had its share—five cases reported.

The Christmas Seal Sale each year tries to raise enough money to finance the battle against TB. It is an expensive disease. The average cost for each case is \$14,000 to \$15,000 in taxpayer's money, and this does not include the loss of the patient's productive capacity and his future earning power.

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. Follen 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.

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.

Willie Boles, Negro, charged

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.

with escaping from a prison work crew, waived hearing in Recorder's Court and his case was moved up to the docket of Superior Court.

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.

Preparations are now being completed for the annual campaign here and the public is urged to respond generously with contributions to the fund.

Officials of the county polo chapter point out contributions to the March of Dimes is still very important, despite the discovery of the Salk vaccine, since vast sums of money are needed to carry on the rehabilitation work of the thousands of victims stricken with polio.

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.