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## Harvey Point Road Plans Revealed At Meeting Monday

More than a million dollars will be spent by the State Highway Commission in construction of primary roads to serve the Harvey Point Naval Air Station, if proposed plans are finally adopted by the State Commission, it was learned here Monday following a meeting between W. N. Spruill, resident engineer, and town and county officials.

Mr. Spruill came to Hertford to confer with local officials regarding ideas as to highway needs as the officials see them. It was pointed out at the start, Hertford and Perquimans Commissioners feel the secondary roads now serving the base will be inadequate for future traffic and the local officials went on record requesting the State Highway Commission to construct the Hertford-Harvey Point road before starting construction of feeder roads, since this route will be the main highway artery for traffic from points north into the base proper.

During the meeting it was revealed tentative plans call for the state to construct two primary roads to serve the base. The first running from Hertford to Harvey Point. This road will be 24 feet wide and the project will include a new heavy duty bridge across the river at the southern limits of Hertford; the second highway will be an entirely new roadway starting at Light Nixon Fork and running in an easterly direction to a point near Burgess. This road will be 24 feet wide and will serve to feed traffic on to Route 17 for both south and north bound traffic.

Members of the Town Board and A. T. Lane, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners agreed with Mr. Spruill these two projects should provide ample highway facilities for the base.

Mr. Spruill advised the local officials construction of new roads to the base will be tied to future plans for building a bypass around Hertford. He announced he had no idea if and when this by-pass will be constructed but added the expected increase in highway traffic, resulting from the activation of Harvey Point NAS, will require installation of such a by-pass.

Congressman Herbert Bonner, while at Harvey Point last week for the ground breaking ceremony, called up local and state officials to improve the road situation in this county in order that the Navy base may have adequate highway transportation for present and future needs.

During the meeting here Monday, Mr. Spruill stated he could

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## Defendant Fined For Possessing Bootleg Liquor

Howard Phillips, Negro, who was arrested by Hertford Police Officers last Friday night following a raid on his home on Market Street which netted some three gallons of non-tax-paid liquor, entered a plea of guilty to charges of possessing the liquor when given a hearing in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. The defendant was found not guilty on a charge of possession for the purpose of sale. Judge Charles Johnson sentenced Phillips to serve a six months jail term, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100 and costs of court and upon the condition the defendant be gainfully employed within the next 30 days. The defendant noted an appeal of the judgment to Superior Court and a bond was set at \$150. Police officers conducting the raid on Phillips' home were Robert A. White, William Tarkenton, T. N. Miller, Tommy Miller and Patrolman Robert Weathersbee.

Other cases disposed of during Tuesday's term of court included those of Johnnie Tolson, John Etheridge, Howard Matthews, Jr., Robert Jarret and Manuel Milan, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court.

James Knox, Jr., entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with an expired license and he paid the court costs.

Tom Crawford, Negro, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

## Barbara Flinchum Weds R. E. Harrell Friday, June 13th

The marriage of Miss Barbara Ann Flinchum to Ronald Edward Harrell was solemnized in rites at the Woodland Methodist Church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, June 13, with the Rev. W. E. Pickett, pastor, performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Leigh Flinchum of Route 3, Hertford and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrell of Route 3, Hertford. The church was decorated with white chrysanthemums, baby's breath, palms and candlelight.

Mrs. Calvin Chappell played the wedding music and accompanied Mrs. Ralph Wood, who sang "O Promise Me" and "The Wedding Prayer."

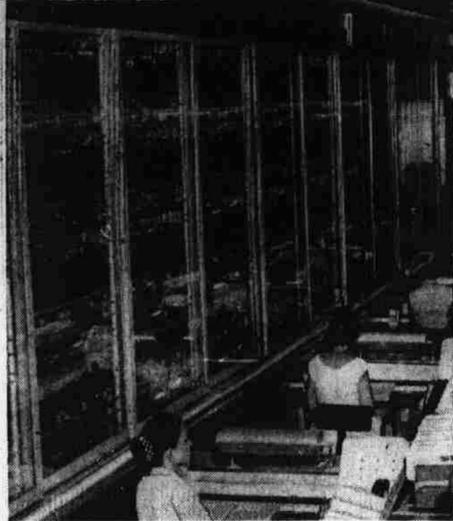
The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, C. T. Skinner, of Hertford, wore a white dress of orlon dacron with nylon tulle lace and white accessories. She carried a white prayer book topped with white munched carnations, centered with a white purple throated orchid.

Mrs. Arol Murf of Norfolk, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor.

She wore a pink organdy dacron dress with pink accessories and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and pink roses. Roulac Webb of Hertford, uncle of the bridegroom, was best man. Glenn Benton and Marion Harrell of Hertford served as ushers.

Mrs. C. T. Skinner was mistress of ceremony. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Flinchum wore a dress of light blue pinamist dacron with pink and white accessories, and corsage of pink roses.

The bridegroom's mother wore a beige embroidered polished cotton dress with matching accessories and a cymbidium corsage. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrell.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT—Girls seated at mail-sorting key-boards are the "cooks" in this automat-like mail sorting device in the Washington, D.C., post office. Each girl can handle nearly 18,000 letters a day. Once letter is coded for distribution by the Belgian-made device, it's automatically pigeon-holed for distribution to delivering offices.

## Indians Move Into First Position In League Standing

### 4-H Club Members Participate In District Meet

Perquimans County 4-H Club members went to Washington Wednesday to participate in the Eastern District Elimination Day. The purpose of this contest day is to have the best demonstrations from the Eastern District at 4-H Club Week in Raleigh, July 21-26.

Four-H Club members from Perquimans County who participated in the contest, were: Kay Winslow, "Milk As Used by Dairy Princess"; Ann Lane and Delia Rae Copeland, "Milk Is Right In Lemon Delight," gave demonstrations on dairy foods. Ann Benton, "Homework Made Lighter," gave electric demonstration in the girls' competition, and Whittie Matthews, "The Effect of Voltage Drop on Electrical Equipment," gave the boys' electric demonstration. "Marketing Quality Tomatoes" was presented by Rachel and Carson Spivey. "A New Treat With a Beet" was presented by Phyllis Hendren and Eva Ann Smith.

"The Proper Thinning of a Pine Forest" was presented by Vernon Winslow in the forestry competition. Ed Nixon entered the peanut demonstration with "The Proper Way to Apply Potash."

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## Farmers Complete "Do It Yourself" Canal Project

A group of 10 farmers in the New Hope-Woodville section of Perquimans County decided to do something about a drainage outlet for their farms this spring. Their farms drain through a ditch known as the Ford Canal. This canal had not been cleaned out in several years and was practically filled in some places.

This group of farmers applied to the local ASC office for assistance to deepen and enlarge the Ford Canal. The farmers did most of the right-of-way clearing themselves. By getting assistance on construction of the ditch through the ACP and doing the clearing themselves the cost to the farmers was much less than it would have been otherwise.

This canal is 13,500 feet in length and involved the moving of 19,551 cubic yards of dirt. The canal was surveyed, staked and construction checked by Soil Conservation Service personnel working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

## \$4 Million Added For Construction Harvey Point NAS

### Committee Named To Direct Jaycee Projects For Year

Project plans for the coming year were announced by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the Chamber held Wednesday night of last week, and committees to direct these projects were named by the president.

President Keith Haskett listed the following committees and their chairmen:

Membership, Francis Nixon; calendar, John Beers; money-making, James McNider; athletics, Abb Williams; youth activities, Howard Felton; fire prevention, Bobby Elliott; prisoner rehabilitation, Archie T. Lane, Jr.; eye bank, Moody Matthews; scrap book, Charles Skinner; special events, Walter Humphlett; Christ events, Hilton White; outstanding young farmer, Richard Bryant; teenager award, Hillary Scaff; distinguished Service Award, Durward Reed; banquet and meals, Ray Haskett; religious activities, Marion Swindell; driving roadshow, Earlie Goodwin, and all-star game, Howard Felton.

During the business session of the meeting, members voted not to sponsor a contestant in beauty events scheduled for Ahsokie and Charlotte. Present obligations was given as the reason.

John Beers reported on the recent napkin sale, which netted the club \$65.50. President Haskett made a report to the club on a trip that he made to Edenton with Earlie Goodwin and Carl Woodard to attend a Jaycee workshop on projects.

The club voted to hold its annual all-star baseball game on July 4. Howard Felton was appointed chairman, with Beers and Billy White as members of the committee.

Charlie Skinner, Jr., Hilton and Bobby Elliott were named as a committee to devise an American flag sale.

Abb Williams asked the club for assistance in fixing a "club lot" on the old grammar school site playground. This aid was granted.

Rites Held Tuesday For Miss Trueblood

Miss Helen Naomi Trueblood, age 45, died Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at her home in the Bagley Swamp section following an illness of a year. She was a native and life-long resident of Perquimans County and the daughter of Mrs. Evie Burgess Trueblood and the late James S. Trueblood. She was a member of the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church.

She was a graduate of Wesleyan High School in Central, S. C., and Marion College of Marion, Indiana, having served as dean of women at both places. She taught school in Indiana one year before returning here.

Besides her mother, she is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Talmage Baines of Whaleyville, Va., Mrs. Carlton Godfrey and Mrs. Ernest Winslow of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Roy Baines of Corapeake and Mrs. Mary Savin of Hertford, Route 2; five brothers, the Rev. J. Percy Trueblood, Raymond and Nathan all of Hertford, James E. Trueblood of Kernersville, N. C., and Medford S. Trueblood of Robbins, N. C.

The body was taken from the Twiford Funeral Home to the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church Tuesday afternoon where funeral services were conducted at 2:30 by the Rev. Morris Holmes, pastor, and the Rev. D. B. Cruise, pastor of Peoples Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Pendelcraft, pastor of Eureka Pilgrim's Church.

A solo, "The Day Without A Sun," was sung by the choir. Continued on Page Eight

Announcement was made last Saturday that the House armed services committee has added more than \$4 million to the initial phase of the Navy's projects for building a master jet seaplane base at Harvey Point, near Hertford.

The committee's action Friday boosted to \$11,215,000 the amount authorized for fiscal 1959, and the first part of a three-increment construction plan. Earlier this year the House group approved \$7,041,000, for the base.

The addition of four million dollars will accelerate the building program and results from a Navy plan to place the base in operation by early 1960. At that time, according to Rear Adm. F. Massie Hughes, commandant of the Fifth Naval District, the Harvey Point base will be in "partial operation."

Acceleration of the construction program indicates that the big Martin P6M multijet SeaMaster will be phased into fleet operations earlier than had been expected. At present two of the 160,000-pound jets are in operation and a third is soon scheduled to go aloft.

The Martin Aircraft Co., has Navy orders for a total of 24 of the multimillion dollar seaplanes, six of which are described as evaluation models and 18 as production models. All, however, will be operational planes.

Construction at the base, since the groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday, has been stepped up. Four new contractors have moved onto the site to begin work on contracts which were let earlier this month.

## Legion Auxiliary Installs Officers

New officers for the 1958-59 year were installed by the Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion at a meeting held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Anne Goodwin, with Mrs. Louis Del Myers as co-hostess.

Mrs. Thelma Hollowell, president, presided over the business session during which the unit voted to send congratulations to Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt of Edenton, newly elected state president of the American Legion Auxiliary. It was reported the unit netted \$220.80 from the sale of poppies and a committee reported 38 flags were placed on the graves of veterans in local cemeteries on Memorial Day.

Installation of officers was conducted by Past President Mrs. Helen Skinner. The new officers are: Mrs. Thelma Hollowell, president; Mrs. Mildred Whitley, first vice president; Mrs. Lessie White, second vice president; Mrs. Helen Skinner, recording secretary; Mrs. Minnie Miller, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Elda Webb, treasurer; Mrs. Pick Sumner, historian; Mrs. Maudie Jones, sergeant-at-arms, and Mrs. Ethel Perry, chaplain.

It was announced the September meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Elsie Gregory. Following the close of the meeting the hostesses served refreshments.

## Bank To Reduce Interest Rates

Hertford Banking Company Tuesday announced, in keeping with recent revision of interest rates by the Federal Reserve Board, it will, starting July 1, pay two per cent interest, annually, on savings deposits. The action taken by the local bank is similar to that being adopted by many other banks in the state.

BIBLE SCHOOL Daily Vacation Bible School commencement exercises will be held at Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church Sunday night, June 22, at 8 o'clock. The theme of the program is "We Worship the Lord." The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Commission Lifts Load Restriction On Road To Base

With activity at Harvey Point NAS expected to be stepped up considerably within the next two weeks, the State Highway Commission on Monday acted to remove a handicap which has prevented some delay in construction during the past couple of weeks.

The Commission, upon numerous requests, lifted restrictions on access roads in Bethel Township, leading to the base. Prior to this order movement of heavy equipment and material to the site had been prevented, due to load limits.

W. N. Spruill, Resident Engineer, while in Hertford Monday advised local officials of the action but stated only time will tell if the secondary roads will stand up to the heavy traffic. If it doesn't the state presumably will have to expedite plans for construction of primary roads serving the base.

Because of the weak bridge spanning the river at the southern limits of Hertford, it is necessary for contractors to move equipment and material through Bethel. The route upon which restrictions were lifted starts at Light Nixon Fork on Route 17, runs through Bethel back to the Pioneer Road which then runs into the Hertford-Harvey Point Road.

Mr. Spruill stated a number of contractors had requested information concerning the temporary lifting of these restrictions and due to the traffic anticipated the State Commission decided to remove all load restrictions on this route.

## County Boy Gets Trip To Missouri

Donald Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Baker of Belvidere, will attend the 22nd annual national conference of the National Association of Student Councils held in Ferguson, Missouri, June 22-26.

Donald is now serving as president of the Eastern District North Carolina Student Council Congress. There will be some 700 other highly selected youth leaders and their faculty advisers chosen by the State Student Council Associations and by the national office attending this conference.

The purpose of this convention is to train these boys and girls how to put citizenship in action. They will deal with such topics as: What is the real purpose of the student council? What can the student council do to promote better international relations, and how can the student council develop responsible citizenship among high school students?

The conference will be held in the McCluer Junior High School in Ferguson.

## POST OFFICE TO UP BOX RENTAL RATES JULY 1st

The Post Office Department announced today that new rental rates for Postoffice boxes go into effect July 1. Increases for the box rentals range from 35 to 75 cents. An increase of 50 cents is slated for the small boxes; 40 cents for the medium boxes; and 75 cents for the large boxes.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A Congressional committee Tuesday questioned Sherman Adams, aide to President Eisenhower, regarding gifts he had received from a Boston industrialist and action taken by Adams in seeking information over trouble the industrialist had with government agencies. Adams admitted the gifts but denied any intentions to use influence in behalf of Bernard Goldfine. He told the committee more prudence on his part would have helped in the situation.

An observation team from the United Nations has been sent to Lebanon to observe the revolt in that country to determine steps necessary to maintain Lebanon independence. Fighting broke out again this week, and reports state rebel forces, probably backed by Nasser of Egypt, hope to overthrow the pro-Western government and establish one friendly to the Communists.

Radio Moscow announced on Tuesday four Hungarian leaders in the revolt of 1956 were executed following trials by people's supreme court. Meanwhile, reports state changes may be forthcoming inside Russia, which has called home its ambassadors from Washington, London and Paris for consultations.

## Rev. Clark Reed Rotary Speaker

The Rev. Clark Reed, associate pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, was guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club. Mr. Reed gave a brief talk on a new concept in the training and development of ministers serving the churches of America. This new educational process, Mr. Reed stated, will prepare ministers to take a more active part in public service and affairs of a community, rendering social as well as spiritual service.

The Rotary Club cancelled its regular meeting next Tuesday night in order to join with members of Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., in holding a steak fry at the municipal plant.

## Received Honors On 90th Birthday

Mrs. George Benton of Hertford Route Three celebrated her 90th birthday recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Wood. Mrs. Benton is the mother of 11 children, grandmother of 43, and 52 great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren and 82 great-great-great grandchildren. She makes her home with Mrs. Clyde Russell of Hertford Route Three.