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County Finances Close To Budget Adopted Last June

Financial operations for Perquimans County have been running at a normal rate during the first eight months of the fiscal year, it was revealed in a report given the County Commissioners Monday by the County Accountant, Max Campbell.

Both income and expenditures have been near figures as adopted by the Commissioners in the current fiscal budget last June. Income for the period has totaled \$289,835 while expenditures amounted to about 65 per cent of the budget or a total of \$230,079.

The General Fund, with budget expenditures of \$69,724 allocated had an income of \$369,464 while spending for the eight months period ran to \$60,186. The Poor Fund received \$2,465 and expended \$2,620.

Income for the Debt Service fund amounted to \$43,475, while expenditures were \$10,173. This fund, however, will pay out about \$38,000 by May 1, when the county will pay off \$29,000 of its bonded indebtedness plus interest for the past six months period.

The General School Fund, operating on an \$85,341 budget had income amounting to \$65,235 while expenditures for the first eight months totaled \$61,063. The school supplement fund income amounted to \$6,847 while spending was \$4,896.

Income for the Welfare Administration fund was \$9,055 while expenditures were \$8,017; expenditures of \$50,133 for Old Age Assistance was offset by income of \$48,971; income for the Aid to Dependent Children fund was \$24,823 while expenditures were \$24,725. Aid to Totally Disabled received income amounting to \$19,449, while expenditures were \$18,266.

Balances on hand in all funds, as of February 28, amounted to \$115,478.

Center Committee Makes Plans To Increase Activity

Plans were formulated for collecting the remainder of the pledges made to the County Recreation Center in a call meeting of interested patrons of the Center, held last Thursday night in the Hertford Grammar School Library. Mrs. Charles Johnson, treasurer, in reporting on the financial status of the Center, which was begun as a county-wide project two years ago, said that more than \$12,000 has already been collected. This money was used for the purchase of the lot and building and there is still some indebtedness on this purchase.

If pledges could be collected there would be a possibility of getting the grounds in shape for outdoor games. Especially in the plans would be the finishing of the tennis court project. With this in mind, solicitors were appointed to collect unpaid pledges and they will be at work this week, reporting progress made on Monday night, March 9.

Committeeman R. L. Hollowell pointed out that it is impossible to proceed further with improvement plans at the Center until the present indebtedness has been wiped out. After the present pledges are in, the group hopes to start a yearly program of systematic financial support, a sustaining budget, to keep the Center operating in a commendable way.

Henry Stokes Jr., reported on activities at the County Recreation Center during the fall and winter months. His records show an average of 60 to 70 teenagers using the facilities on the two nights that the Center is open. Thursdays for the older high school group; Saturdays for the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The building is also used on numerous occa-

Revaluation

Three conferences have been arranged for this month during which County Commissioners will seek additional information concerning the scope of work and costs involved in a revaluation project for county real property.

Commissioner Chairman R. L. Spivey advised other board members this week representatives of appraisal firms will come to Hertford on March 5, 11 and 25 to confer with the board about plans for holding a revaluation in Perquimans County.

At the present time the board is proceeding with plans to hold a revaluation of property with the new rates to become effective in January of 1961.

Indians Play In District Tourney

The Perquimans Indians were eliminated in the District 2, Class A basketball playoffs Wednesday night when Jamesville defeated Perquimans by a 43 to 39 score.

The loss marked the close of the current basketball season for the Indians. A bad first quarter, which ended with Jamesville holding a 10 point advantage, resulted in the loss for Perquimans. The teams played even during the second period and then Perquimans outscored Jamesville 25 to 18 during the second half.

Colson with 15 points and Burton with 14 were high scorers for Perquimans while Griffin scored 14 points for the winners. Jamesville, having an excellent record during season play, was rated tops in the tournament.

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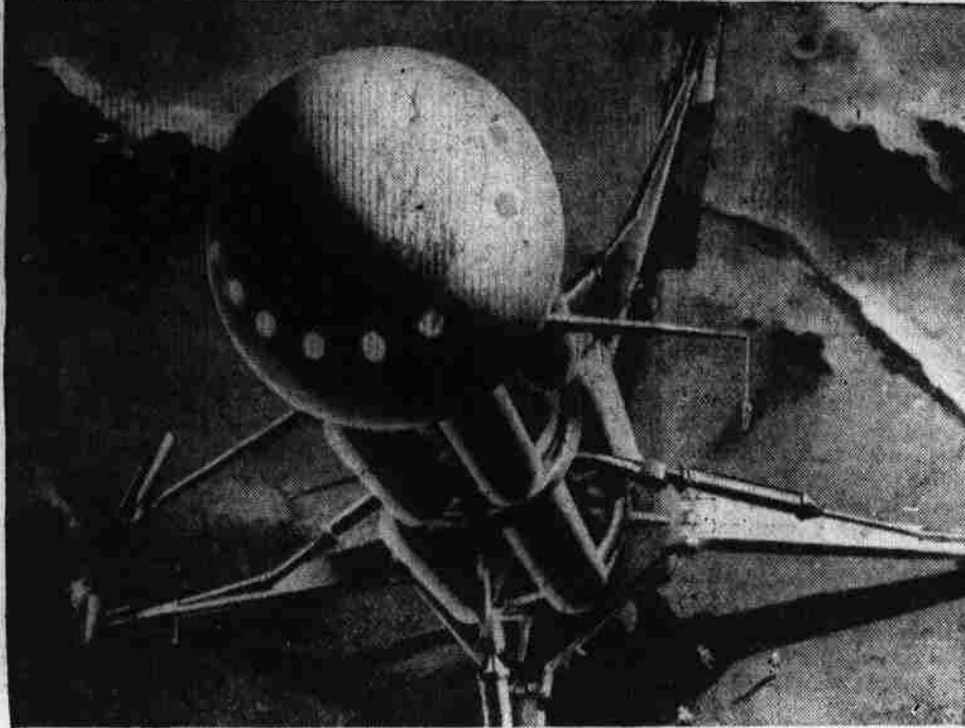
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County 4-H Clubs Observing 50th Anniversary Week

By BECKY GREGORY
During the week of February 28-March 7 all 4-H Club members are celebrating National 4-H Club week. North Carolina 4-H members are celebrating this week especially because this marks the 50th year of 4-H work in North Carolina. The theme, "Keep 4-H on the Climb in '59" has been adopted in North Carolina for this anniversary year. Throughout National 4-H Club Week the purposes or values of 4-H work and some of its outstanding achievements will be brought to the attention of the public.

The first 4-H Club was called the Corn Club, which consisted of only twelve boys. They were instructed on how to raise corn. Some girls were eligible to be members of this club. The girls were not satisfied with a club that only a very few girls could participate, so a Tomato Club was started for the farm girls. These

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COULD BE—Its huge, metal-plate feet braced on lunar soil, this space vehicle, with living quarters in the sphere atop the fuel tanks, could serve as headquarters for the first men on the moon. At least, that is how artists see it, as depicted in a film report on space prepared by an aircraft manufacturer. Recent space investigations in Washington by a House committee indicate that scientists foresee a moon landing some time in the 1970s.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is planning a trip to Washington to confer with President Eisenhower on developments regarding Russian demands for making Berlin a Free City. Macmillan returned to London from Moscow, where he was rebuffed by Soviet Premier Khrushchev, who later reversed his position on Berlin after it became evident the West was not yielding to Russian demands.

Washington officials now believe a minister's conference on the Berlin situation is possible, since Khrushchev in his final meeting with Macmillan expressed opposite views from his original statements. The officials also believe the Russian deadline for action on Berlin by the latter part of May may be delayed.

A giant U. S. missile, Pioneer IV, launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., had soared past previous U. S. space marks by Tuesday, reaching out 118,000 miles toward the sun. Officials announced the missile is off track and will miss the moon by 38,000 miles. However, the project was announced as a success.

State officials ordered 146 State Highway Patrolmen into the Henderson area early this week following increased tensions in the strikes at two textile mills. Reports Wednesday indicated the arrival of the patrolmen has brought about an easement in the tempers and violence.

Law enforcement officers continued the search Wednesday for a man who held up a bank in Raleigh Tuesday morning, making away with \$17,000. The robbery occurred at 11 A. M., when the bandit entered the bank and told the two employees it was a stick-up and he wanted the money.

Laymen's Rally Here Tonight

Methodist men from the 37 pastoral charges in the Elizabeth City District are expected to attend the annual Laymen's Rally at Perquimans High School Friday night. Supper will be served in the cafeteria from 5:30 until 7:15 P. M., and will be followed by a platform hour in the school auditorium at 7:30. Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., and Dr. J. W. Sells, Atlanta, Ga., will be keynote speakers for the occasion.

Presiding will be Fred Ritter, Ahsokie, district lay leader and appearing with him on the program will be conference lay leader, J. Nelson Gibson and District Superintendent C. Freeman Heath, Elizabeth City. The Rev. James A. Auman is host pastor.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. David Barrington of Raeford announce the birth of a son, born Friday, February 13. Mrs. Barrington is the former Miss Billie Skinner.

Red Cross Chapter Gives Quotas For Annual Fund Drive

Henry C. Stokes, Jr., Fund Chairman for the Perquimans County Red Cross Drive which runs from March 9 through March 21, today announced a breakdown of the quota of \$1,658 for each township as follows: Parkville, \$225; Bethel \$175; New Hope, \$175; Belvidere, \$225; Hertford Township, \$200; Town of Hertford and business, \$458; colored section of the town and county, \$200. These quotas are based on population and experience during past campaigns.

During the past year the local chapter has rendered financial aid to seven families plus assisting 15 other families, such as getting servicemen home during emergencies and helping people passing through the community who are stranded without funds. This phase of the work is handled through the Home Service chairman, the Rev. James A. Auman.

The largest single cash outlay by far is made to maintain the Loodmobile visits three times yearly which during the past year has been under the chairmanship of Talmage Rose.

Mr. Stokes and Chapter Chairman Marion S. Swindell express the hope and confidence that Perquimans County will again go over its quota in order to maintain these most necessary programs.

Jurors Drawn For April Term Of Superior Court

A jury list, composed of 56 county residents, was drawn for service at the April term of Perquimans Superior Court during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held here last Monday.

Drawn for service at this term of court were A. R. Winslow, Jr., W. L. White, Sr., Elliott Layden, E. W. Lane, Caleb Raper, Mrs. Winford Hudson, Eugene Hurdle, Lofton Dail, W. D. Cox, Henry C. Sullivan, W. Freeland Elliott, Mollie Lu Yeates, Claude H. Simpson, Josiah Elliott, John Brunsley, John M. Pike, John Q. White, Kramer Williams, Linwood Dail, Joseph Ab Williams, Alec Stallings, Joseph Butt, Kermit Benton, Marvin L. Simpson, Melvin Rogerson, John L. Winslow, Lloyd Riddick, Trim W. Wilson.

Also Linwood Lamb, William S. Hurdle, Oliver D. Layden, Jr., Melvin Knight, Whitchard Davis, Linwood Godfrey, Hillary Scaff, Corbin Dozier, Lloyd Dail, William O. Creecy, Robert S. Elliott, Johnny Hollowell, Thomas Harris, L. D. Lamb, Lloyd A. Lane, Dillard Jackson, Hugh Harrell, Charles Skinner, Jr., B. F. Bray, Claude Dail, Claude Riddick, Hubert A. Chappell, Edgar A. Chappell, Harry Thatch, Elijah White, Raymond M. Thompson, Carroll Lamb and Levy Sawyer.

Dog Vaccination Refunds Voted Out

June 30, 1959, will be the last day Perquimans County dog owners will receive a \$1.00 refund for vaccination tickets turned into the sheriff's office.

The Board of Commissioners on Monday adopted a resolution requesting Representative C. R. Holmes to introduce a law in this session of the Legislature which will nullify the custom which has long been in force. State law now does not require the county to refund to dog owners the fee paid out for having dogs vaccinated against rabies. However, the law does require the dog owner to continue having dogs vaccinated.

The action taken by the board Monday will save between five and six hundred dollars in expenditures each year.

County HD Clubs Will Be Host At District Meeting

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans County will be host to the Twenty-fifth Home Demonstration Spring Federation meeting Tuesday, April 7, it was announced by Mrs. Paige L. Underwood, Home Agent. Club members from Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Chowan, Currituck and Camden counties will be guests at the annual meeting to be held at the Perquimans County Central Grammar School, Winfall, N. C., beginning at 10:30 A. M.

The Perquimans County executive board and members of the following committees: Registration, reception, luncheon, decorations and program, need cooperation from all club members to make the District Meeting a success.

The County committee assignments for the District meeting are as follows: Nomination, Mrs. J. P. Chesson, Sr.; Registration, Mrs. Roy Nixon, Chairman; Courtesy, Mrs. Ernest Sutton; Time and Place, Mrs. J. B. Basnight; Home Demonstration Building Fund, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, and Publicity, Mrs. Joseph Layden.

Hertford PTA To Meet Next Thursday

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School will hold its March meeting next Thursday night, March 12, beginning at 8 o'clock in the auditorium at the school. Mrs. R. S. Monds, president, urges all members to attend.

SERVICES SUNDAY

Services will be conducted Sunday at 11 A. M. at the Holy Trinity Parish House with the Rev. J. F. Hill as rector. The public is invited to attend the services.

Shoplifter Given 60 Day Sentence On Guilty Plea

A 60-day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs, was meted out in Perquimans Recorder's Court on Tuesday to Percy Jeanette, Negro, after he had entered a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny. Jennette was arrested Monday by Police Officer Robert A. White on charges of larceny with the Colonial Store.

Clifton Stallings was ordered to pay a fine of \$14.25 and costs of court on a charge of speeding. A fine of \$10.25 and costs were taxed against Melvin Garrett who submitted to a charge of speeding.

George Ferree, Negro, found guilty on a charge of driving without a license and driving with insufficient brakes was fined \$35 and court costs.

William Davis, George Barbee and Lois Rascac, each charged with failing to observe a stop sign were ordered to pay the costs of court.

Elvin Topping submitted to a charge of speeding and paid the costs of court.

Fines of \$2 each and court costs were taxed against Nicholas Kuslar and George Butler each of whom submitted to charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

Costs of court were paid by James Riddick after he submitted to a charge of driving with an improper muffler.

John Glover paid the court costs on a charge of driving without a license plate.

William Sawyer was taxed with the court costs after he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with improper lights.

Rites Held Sunday For B. G. Koonce, Sr.

Funeral services for Benjamin Grande Koonce, 69, who died last Friday in the Albemarle Hospital after an illness of six months, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

He was the son of the late Everett and Orpah Brock Koonce of Jones County. He attended Trinity Park School and Trinity College in Durham. He had lived in Hertford since 1916 and was married to Mary McMullan.

Survivors besides his wife are two children, Benjamin Koonce Jr., of Raleigh and Mrs. Ralph Wallace of London, England; two grandchildren, Frances and Mary McMullan Wallace of London, England; two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Stacy of Chaoel Hill and Mrs. L. S. Ward of Conway, S. C., and one brother, F. P. Koonce, of Trenton.

During the services the Methodist Choir sang "Blest Be The Tie" and "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again".

Pallbearers were J. R. McMullan, E. G. McMullan, T. B. Sumner, Sr., T. B. Sumner, Jr., J. C. Jessup, Charles Ward, Jr., Austin Koonce, V. N. Darden and James E. Newby.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

PTA To Sponsor Womanless Wedding

There will be a big wedding at the Winfall Central Grammar School on Thursday night, March 12, with the ceremony getting under way promptly at 8 o'clock. This is a wedding that everyone is invited to attend, and is sponsored by the Winfall PTA.

One thing different about this wedding is that there will be no women involved. Joe L. Tunnell will be the bride, given in marriage by her father, Cliff Morgan to Mack White the bridegroom. Special music will be rendered before and during the ceremony by many groups and Tom Banks will be the Mistress of Ceremony. The Rev. Thomas Chappell will conduct the marriage ceremony.

Mark your calendar for this date, as this will be an experience that you will surely want to witness.

County Board Votes To Employ Deputy In Sheriff's Dept.

Plan Approved

Highway officials W. N. Spruill, division engineer, George Mack, district engineer and Patrick appeared before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday to discuss secondary road projects in this county.

Mr. Spruill pointed out \$29,000 of money appropriated to Perquimans County for this period had not been allocated to specific projects and he recommended \$16,000 be used for additional improvements planned for the Road Landing project in Bethel Township, and that \$13,046 be used to aid in maintaining the detour route now in use serving Harvey Point. He pointed out this road leading from Route 17 to the base road via Bethel is rapidly deteriorating due to heavy traffic and will need additional maintenance during the present year.

The Commissioners went on record approving allocation of the money for these suggested projects.

Town Of Winfall Election May 5th

Machinery has been set in motion for holding the quadrennial election of officers for the Town of Winfall, it was reported Wednesday by Mayor Elijah White.

The Town Board has announced registration books for the election will be opened on April 11, 18, 25 and May 2 and the election will take place on Tuesday, May 5.

Persons desiring to file as candidates for offices of the town must do so with the Clerk of the Town of Winfall on or before April 16.

J. F. Hollowell, Jr., has been named as registrar for the election which will be held in the office of J. F. Hollowell & Son in Winfall.

Legion Auxiliary Host Department Officers At Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary of the William Paul Stallings Post was host to Department officers and guests at a buffet turkey dinner meeting Thursday night, February 26, at the home of Mrs. Kelly White.

The house was decorated with candles, camellias and other spring flowers. The George Washington idea was carried out with hatchets and flags on individual trays, and in the program. A beautiful camellia was presented to each officer and guest.

The Department officers and guests were: State President Mrs. J. L. Chestnut of Edenton; District President Mrs. Andrew S. Bailey of Elizabeth City; Department Music Chairman and also president of the Edenton unit, Mrs. Paul Holoman; Department Legislative Program Chairman Mrs. H. A. Thorson of Elizabeth City; Department Chairman of the Scrapbook, Mrs. R. E. Leary of Edenton, and Mrs. E. A. Swain, president of the Elizabeth City Unit.

Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, president of the local unit presided at the meeting. Twenty-four were present.

Mrs. Chestnut discussed the schedule for the District Meeting which will be at the Hertford Methodist Church March 30, and plans for next year.

Mrs. Bailey made a short talk on the district program, and commended the local unit on getting their membership quota in early.

Mrs. Holoman emphasized the importance of music at all meetings.

Mrs. Thorson discussed the

Acting upon a request made by Sheriff J. K. White and under authority of a law enacted by the 1957 Legislature, the Board of Commissioners on Monday voted to employ a deputy sheriff for the law enforcement department of Perquimans County. Inasmuch as there is no provision in the budget for the current year for paying the official, no date was set by the board for employment of the deputy.

K. I. Eyer, District Sanitation Officer for the Health Department, appeared before the board presenting a proposal the county be included in the Health Department's rat eradication program, whereby the department provides rat poison to residents of the area. Cost was estimated at about \$160 per 1,000 pounds of poison. The matter was tabled pending adoption of the next budget.

On motion adopted the board authorized the Sheriff to advertise 1958 delinquent taxes on real estate during the month of June and to sell the same on the first Monday in July.

R. M. Thompson advised the Commissioners an advisory board for the State Pension Service will be named about July 1, and he requested the Commissioners to consider recommending a number of persons for appointment to this board.

The board also adopted a resolution requesting Representative C. R. Holmes to introduce legislation at this session of the General Assembly which will authorize the Commissioners to sell the New Hope Community House at a private sale.

A request, presented by the County Bar Association seeking adoption of a law making a new index system in the Register of Deeds office as the official index of the county, was tabled until a meeting of the board on March 16, to enable the board members to secure additional information on the matter.

The board also tabled a request for an increase in salary to be paid the assistant deputy of the county recorder's court.

Truck Driver Has Narrow Escape In Accident Sunday

Auxiliary Programs which come from the American Legion.

Mrs. Leary emphasized the importance of each unit keeping a scrapbook.

Mrs. C. A. Davenport, Mrs. Noah Gregory, Mrs. Vera Patton and Mrs. Maude Jones were appointed as a committee to make plans for the next meeting which will be with the Legion at the Municipal Building.

Truck Driver Has Narrow Escape In Accident Sunday

Billy Duke, 36, driver of a huge truck-trailer tanker, narrowly escaped serious injury or death here last Sunday when the tanker went out of control on the causeway and crashed into the marshes.

Duke was pinned in the cab of the truck for about half an hour, until a motorist removed the steering column which pinned the driver.

State Highway Patrolman Robert I. Weatherhead investigated. He said that traffic was hampered and at times halted for some four hours while extensive but fruitless efforts were made to lift the vehicle from the marshes. However, it had to remain there over night and work on getting it out was resumed Monday.

The accident occurred at 1:30 P. M. north of the Perquimans River bridge. Duke, driving a

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