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County Budget Of \$424,139 Adopted New Tax Rate \$2.25

Perquimans County Commissioners tentatively adopted a new budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, calling for expenditures totaling \$424,139 and set a tax rate at \$2.25 per hundred dollar valuation, during their meeting here last Monday. The budget is an increase of \$46,908 compared to the current year and the tax rate was increased by 25 cents per hundred dollar valuation.

Included in this new budget is one \$13,000 item to help cover costs of a property revaluation coming up during the next seven months. While this item will not be recurring, in its entirety part of the sum will be needed each year henceforth since a new state law will require revaluation each eight years.

Makeup of the new budget calls for an outlay of \$91,114 for the general fund which includes the following estimated expenses: Commissioners, \$4,500; listing and assessing, \$16,525; Sheriff's dept., \$8,350; elections, \$900; county accountant, \$2,560; treasurer, \$750; Court House grounds and jail, \$4,760; Register of Deeds, \$1,460; Public Health, \$16,155; Extension service, \$12,509; Superior Court, \$3,000; Clerk of Court, \$1,600; Recorder's Court, \$6,735; blind, \$2,190; conservation, \$2,120; library, \$5,700; veterans officer, \$1,200; fire department, \$1,000. A tax levy of \$72,000 will be required for this fund with the balance of the funds coming from no ad valorem tax sources.

The Poor Fund with expenditures running \$2,452 will require a tax rate of \$2 with the county receiving \$520 from rent and \$332 from surplus to balance the expenses.

County debt service will require a tax rate of 60 cents to retire \$30,900 in county bonds and interest in the amount of \$15,543.

Expenditures for the General School Fund total \$85,280, calling for a tax rate of 37 cents to raise \$29,600 to be added to \$55,780 to be received from non-tax sources.

The school supplement tax will remain during the coming year at a 10 cent rate to produce a total of \$8,000.

Expenditures within the welfare department are estimated at

\$186,140 with the county providing \$14,159 of this amount and the remainder coming from state and federal aid.

With the overall budget at \$424,139, the county will receive, according to estimates, \$243,124 from sources other than ad valorem taxation, leaving a balance of \$180,000 to be raised by the tax rate which for the coming year will be \$2.25 per hundred dollar valuation.

Farm Storage Expanded Through Loans From ASC

More than 10 million bushels of grain storage capacity was placed on the nation's farms in the first quarter of 1959 as a result of ASC's storage facility loan program, according to Zeno O. Ratcliff, Jr., chairman of the North Carolina State ASC Committee.

Storage facility loans totaling more than \$2,000,000 were made during the January-March period to approximately 2,700 farmers Ratcliff said. In addition, 182 farmers borrowed a total of \$288,000 to finance mobile crop drying equipment for use in connection with storage facilities.

During 1958 nearly half a million bushels of grain storage capacity was added on North Carolina farms. Storage facility loans totaling \$18,000 were made during that period in this state. In addition 61 North Carolina farmers borrowed a total of \$69,000 to buy drying equipment for use in connection with storage facilities.

Loans of up to 80 per cent of the cost of grain storage facilities are available through ASC offices to help farmers meet the need for farm grain storage. Since this program began in 1949, loans have been used to add 142 million bushels to the nation's farm storage capacity and to install drying equipment valued at more than \$5,000,000.

Awards Presented Perquimans High Students Tuesday

Perquimans High School conducted its 34th annual commencement on Tuesday night with the awarding of diplomas to members of the graduating class. Following the invocation given by Jo Davis Towe, three seniors, Ray Winslow, Letitia McGoogan and Beverly Tucker gave addresses on Heritages of Perquimans County.

The class gift to the school was presented by John Mathews. Diplomas were awarded by Clarence C. Chappell, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Education.

Clarence C. Chappell, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Education, presented the following medals and awards: Best Citizen award, Ray Winslow; Salutatorian medal, Letitia McGoogan, who also received special awards from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow and Mrs. E. G. Koonce; sportsmanship awards, Beverly Tucker and Shirley Tankington; citizenship, high school, Jo Davis Towe, and eighth grade, Richard Auman; dramatics, Edith Spruill and Charles Elliott; Journalism, Ray Winslow; student council, Donald Baker; highest grades in high school, Ray Winslow; commercial award, Dottie Cartwright; book-plaque, Donald Baker; Will Koonce award, Wade Morgan; History award, Katherine Sawyer; best test driver award, Letitia McGoogan; and best student award, Billy Chappell.

Koonce To Receive Princeton Degree

Princeton University will confer a Ph.D. degree in English on Prof. Benjamin Gramme Koonce at its commencement exercises on June 11.

A member of the Department of English at State College, Dr. Koonce is a native of Hertford. He received both his BA and his MA from the University of North Carolina. He became a member of the faculty at North Carolina State College in 1952 as an instructor in English.

He had taught previously at Tulane University and had served in the United States Army during World War II. He now holds the rank of assistant professor of English.

He is the son of Mrs. B. G. Koonce of Hertford.

Brown Paving Co. Gets Road Award

The State Highway Commission has announced Brown Paving Company of Lexington has been awarded a \$104,744.20 contract to grade and surface 3.20 miles of secondary roads in Perquimans County. One project is located in Edenton Township and the second project is in Swainville Township.



WHAM!—Steel ball at right, some eight feet in diameter, is one of several linked with anchor-type chain to produce a gargantuan land-clearing device at Kariba, Rhodesia. Balls, honey-combed to make them light to tow yet sturdy enough to provide momentum, act as "wheels" for the giant chain. The 100,000 acres being cleared will provide fishing grounds and harbor areas when land behind a new dam is flooded.

Summer Schedule Announced By SHC For State Ferries

The State Highway Commission has announced its ferryboat schedule for the summer months at the three large Eastern North Carolina ferry service points. Free ferry service is maintained for motorists at the Alligator River and at Oregon and Hatteras Inlets.

The schedule becomes effective June 1 and extends to September 30. Additional daylight hours during the summer months permit the State Highway Commission to operate additional ferry schedules and night ferry service over the Alligator River will be put into effect for the first time this summer.

Eastbound traffic on US-64 will be able to catch ferries at Sandy Point at 5:30, 6:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:45, 11:30, during the mornings; in the afternoon at 12:15, 1, 2:30, 3:15, 4, 4:45, 5:30 and in the evenings at 6:15, 7, 7:30, 8, 9:20, 10:40, 12 midnight and 1:20 A. M.

Ferries will leave East Lake headed west in the mornings at 5, 5:30, 6:15, 7, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10, 1:45, 11:30; in the afternoons at 12:15, 1, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4, 4:45, 5:30; and in the evenings at 5:15, 7, 7:30, 8:40, 10, 11:20 and 12:40.

The Oregon Inlet Ferry will leave the north shore at Nags Head, beginning at 5 A. M., and each half hour thereafter until 3:30 P. M. Ferries leave the south shore at Hatteras beginning at 5:30 A. M., and each half hour thereafter, until 7 P. M.

Ferries will leave Hatteras bound for Ocracoke at 5 A. M., 7:30 A. M., 10 A. M., 12:30 P. M., 3 P. M., and 5:30 P. M. Ferries will leave Ocracoke at 6 A. M., 8:30 A. M., 11 A. M., 1:30 P. M., 4 P. M., and 8:30 P. M.

Applications For Deputy Requested

Perquimans County Commissioners during their Monday meeting agreed to employ a deputy sheriff and requested written applications to be filed with the clerk to the board prior to their July meeting by individuals desiring to apply for the post. Employment will begin shortly after the appointment, with a salary stipulated at \$9,000, with the officer furnishing his own car and transportation thereto.

WAKE FOREST GRADUATE
Barbara Ann Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Edwards of Hertford, was graduated from Wake Forest College June 1. She was among 430 who received degrees.

Miss Edwards majored in physical education and received a bachelor of science degree. She was president of the Woman's Recreation Association and vice president of the Physical Education Majors Club. She has also been a member of the Recreation Committee of the Student Union, Creative Dance Club, Tumbling Club and Hatteras Old Gold and Black, campus newspaper, and The Student Magazine.

Landowners Agree To Plans For Burnt Mill Watershed

Landowners voted unanimously to accept the watershed plans for Burnt Mills Creek Watershed last Tuesday night at a meeting in the Chowan County Court House. L. F. Thompson, SCS watershed party leader, presented the plans to the group. Landowners voted to include all land within the watershed in the action.

Watershed is located on the county line between Perquimans and Chowan counties. It is sponsored jointly by Perquimans County Drainage District No. 4 and the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. Ten thousand four hundred ninety-six acres is included in the watershed with 1,760 acres of cropland, 240 acres of pasture, 8,376 acres of woodland and 120 acres of idle and miscellaneous land.

Watershed plan includes nine miles of drainage canals at a cost of \$34,734 of which \$25,023 will be furnished by the federal government under Public Law 566 and \$9,711 by local landowners.

Land treatment measures such as field diversions, pasture seeding, sod waterways, farm ponds, cover crops, tree planting, farm drainage and erosion control will be installed by the landowners at an approximate cost of \$66,758. This part of the watershed plan will be carried out on individual farms after the necessary drainage canals are constructed. Total cost of the watershed project will be \$95,130.

The average annual benefits that will result from the installation of the planned drainage measures will amount to \$8,481. When compared to the average annual cost of \$2,360, the benefit-cost ratio is 3.6 to 1.0 or 3.6 dollars for every dollar spent. Maintaining cost of the canals will be \$1,135 annually. This amount will be collected each year by the drainage district.

Local Students Graduate At WCUNC

Two Perquimans County students, Miss Alice Jeanne Jackson and Miss Ann Burke Chappell, were among the more than 500 students awarded degrees by Womans College, University of North Carolina, in commencement exercises last Sunday.

NAME OMITTED
The name of Miss Shirley Byrum was, through error, omitted from the list of graduates at Perquimans High School as published last week. She was among the seniors awarded diplomas Tuesday night.

O. U. GRADUATE

Among the 1781 candidates for degrees at the University of Oklahoma at commencement on Sunday, May 31, was John B. Elliott of Hertford who was awarded a BA degree.

Atomic Exhibit To Visit Hertford On June 9th

The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's newest traveling exhibit will be shown in Hertford on June 9 from 1p to 8 P. M. Keith Haskett of the Hertford Jaycees, has announced.

The exhibit is being shown in Hertford as a part of a state-wide showing of the exhibit in North Carolina. Mr. Haskett said. There is no admission charge.

The exhibit is a self-contained walk-through mobile unit housed in a modern bus-type vehicle that will be shown at the Court House. Entitled "Atoms For Peace," it is the latest in a series of traveling atomic energy exhibits prepared by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission as part of its many programs to bring the latest information on atomic energy to the general public in a concise, easy-to-understand form.

The exhibit is one of five "Atoms For Peace" mobile units now touring the country under the sponsorship of the National Chamber of Commerce Showings throughout North Carolina are being co-sponsored by the State Extension Department and the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Here in Hertford the showings of the "Atoms For Peace" exhibit are being arranged by the Jaycees.

Visitors to the free exhibit will obtain a comprehensive picture of the many ways in which the peaceful atom is playing a more and more important role in our everyday life. The exhibits some of them operated by the spectator himself, explain research and development in the atomic energy field, ranging from the mining and refining of radioactive ores to the construction of nuclear reactors designed to provide electric power. The mobile "Atoms For Peace" exhibit is operated for the AEC by the Museum Division of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

Local Scouts Tour Langley Air Base

Eighteen Boy Scouts, Troop 155 of Hertford, enjoyed a tour of Langley Air Force Base in Virginia on May 30. The Scouts were accompanied by Edward Simpson, Marvin Simpson and Larry Willis. Many points of interest were enjoyed by the Scouts. A visit to the control tower, where the Scouts were shown landing and take-off procedures, then a visit to the GCA (Ground Control Approach) where the Scouts were shown how planes were landed during a storm. A visit was made to the new million dollar service men's club and the most exciting of all was when the Scouts took turns at the controls of a B-50 bomber. To conclude the tour the Scouts were fed a nice dinner at the military dining room.

The Scouts enjoying the tour were: Jimmie Bonner, Charles Bonner, Joe Towe White, Raymond Lassiter, Billy Stallings, Wayne Stallings, John Stallings, Charles Woodard, Clark Harris, James Hatch, Sidney Eley, Price Monds, Howard Roberson, Paul Gregory, Rickey Gibbs, Neil Coleman, Frank Winslow and Clark Henry.

Board Of Education To Meet Thursday

A special meeting of the Perquimans Board of Education will be held in the office of the superintendent of schools Thursday night, June 11, beginning at 8 o'clock, it was reported today by Superintendent J. T. Biggers. The board is expected to conclude business concerning the close of the current school term and also proceed with plans for construction of two classrooms at Perquimans Union School.

Daily Vacation Bible School Opens Friday

Vacation Bible School plans have been completed at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Bill Stallings, principal. Preparation Day is scheduled for Friday, June 5th at 9 o'clock and classes will begin Monday afternoon, June 8th at 2:30 until 5:30 o'clock including children from beginners through intermediate ages.

The five days of school will be climaxed by the commencement exercises Friday night, June 12th at 8 o'clock. All who will be encouraged to attend the school. The Rev. Larnest Whittier is school pastor.

Winston-Salem Co. Awarded Contract For Revaluation

Banks Reappointed Service Officer

C. C. Banks, Veterans Service Officer for Perquimans County, was reappointed to the post for a one-year term beginning July 1 at a meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday.

Banks gave the board his annual report revealing the office handled a total of 1,314 calls during the current year. A total of 322 letters regarding veterans business were received or written; 287 interviews were conducted, he made 93 field trips and acted upon 86 requests regarding compensation or pensions.

PTA Committees Selected For Year

The executive committee of the Central Grammar School PTA has announced the following standing committees for the school year 1959-60:

Budget and Finance, Billy Winslow and Thomas Maston; Magazine and Congress Publication, Mrs. William Winslow; Hospitality, Mrs. Ned Nixon; Membership, Mrs. Bryant Miller; Program, Mrs. Elwood Nowell; Publicity, Mrs. Tommy Byrum; Safety, R. A. Tripp; Legislation, R. M. Thompson, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Paul Smith, Mrs. Taurman Riddick; Cook Books, Mrs. Billy Winslow; Parent Life Education, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson.

Building Fund, Archie Riddick; Goals, Mrs. Harold White; Building and Grounds, Floyd Matthews, Mrs. Billy Winslow, Mrs. Ned Nixon; Reading and Science, Mrs. Aubrey Roach; Historian, Mrs. Ernest Sutton; Room Representatives, Mrs. Leo Anbrose; Art, Mrs. Jake Chesnut; Ways and Means, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Caddy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chappell; Procedure Book, Wilbert Kemp; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Graham Wood; Recreation, Mrs. John Bray.

Youth Surrenders License To Drive After Conviction

Luther Overton, found guilty in Perquimans Recorder's Court on Tuesday on charges of reckless driving and destruction of property, voluntarily surrendered his driver's license for a period of three weeks as part of the judgment. The defendant was ordered to pay the costs of court and damages to Hertford Livestock Company for windows broken by rocks thrown by a car driven by Overton. A \$50 fine was suspended providing the youth surrendered his license voluntarily.

Costs of court and fines as indicated were paid by the following defendants, all of whom submitted to charges of speeding: Harold Merritt \$28.25, Charles Rothans \$10.25, Carlos Goodman \$10.25, D. Gerard, Jr. \$12.25, William Anthony, Negro, \$10.25, Adrian Mathias \$5.25, Willie Drew, Negro, James Fitchett \$14.25, Clem Harper \$10.25.

Costs of court were taxed against Jimmy Parsons, who submitted to charges of using an improper muffler.

Ella Sutton and John Skinner, Negroes, paid the costs of court on charges of failing to observe a stop sign. George Bagley, Jr., paid the costs of court after submitting to a charge of failing to observe a stop light.

Fines of \$25 and costs of court were levied against James Hankins and Willie Cannady, Negroes, after each had entered a plea of guilty to driving without a license. Paul Bembry, Negro, paid a

After several weeks of negotiations, during which time they interviewed representatives of five different companies, Commissioners for Perquimans County on Monday voted to award a contract to the Carroll-Phelps Company to conduct a revaluation of all real property within Perquimans County.

The company submitted a low bid of \$16,000 for the project, with the stipulation the work will be completed by December 1, 1959. The contract was awarded tentatively subject to further negotiation regarding the scope of the work to be done.

This action by the county board is a step ahead of bills now before the Legislature which, among other things provides for a revaluation in Perquimans before the end of 1960.

The bid for the revaluation work was a bit under estimates made by the board. The successful bidder advised the board the work will be supervised by Bob Carroll, partner of the firm who also supervised the revaluation program carried out in Pasquotank County a short time ago. The company is expected to begin the project sometime about the middle of June and under the terms of the contract will employ a county resident for the purpose of teaching him the mechanics of revaluation procedures. Other actions taken by the board included the reappointment of Roy S. Chappell, Sr., as a member of the County Welfare Board. The appointment runs for a period of three years.

The Board voted to restrict parking on the Court House Green to space allocated by the Commissioners.

A land boundary dispute arising from the sale of county property to W. L. Sumner a number of years ago was discussed by the Board and W. L. Sawyer, the interested party, and it was agreed that a survey will be made as to lots 29, 30 and 31 of the plot with each paying one half the costs of the survey. The Jaycees were granted permission to exhibit its atomic dismantling on the Court House Green on June 9th.

Howard Eaves submitted to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway and paid the costs of court.

Thomas Riddick, Negro, was placed on good behavior for 12 months and ordered to pay the costs of court after he pleaded guilty to a charge of assault.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case in which Ken Jones, Negro, was found guilty of failing to observe a stop sign and speeding in Hertford.

John Morris Named Coach At Roxboro

John Morris, former Perquimans High School athlete star, and graduate of Duke University, has been named head football coach at Roxboro High School, it was announced last Friday.

Morris served as assistant football coach and head baseball coach at Edenton during the current school year. He won high praise for his work under Coach Bill Billings.

He accepted the Roxboro offer last Thursday and will succeed Coach George Cushman. He is expected to report at Roxboro around July 1 to assume his new duties.