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Local Chamber Of Commerce To Start Membership Drive

Friday will be Membership Day for the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Some 30 solicitors, headed by Chairman R. L. Hollowell, Warner Madre, Floyd Matthews, Elwood Nowell, Carson Spivey and Capt. N. S. Fulford, will make a concentrated drive on this date to secure \$12,000 worth of memberships in the Chamber of Commerce.

Final plans for the fund campaign were formulated at a meeting on Monday night, when most of the solicitors met at the Municipal Building for details concerning the membership campaign.

Erie Haste, Jr., treasurer of the Chamber, stated a plaque will be installed on the Court House Green to reveal the progress of the fund campaign to the interested public.

It is the desire of the Chamber Membership Committee to complete this drive in one day and prospective members are advised membership dues may be paid annually. Officials of the Chamber have designated four categories for memberships ranging from \$25 up.

Organizational meetings conducted by the Chamber officials revealed the unit will have an operational budget of \$12,000 for the first 12 months period and all memberships will run for that period of time, although this will not necessarily be on a fiscal year basis. Memberships are to start upon the employment of a full time Chamber manager.

Charles M. Harrell, president of the Chamber, and Mr. Haste are now interviewing a number of applicants for the position as manager but no announcement has been made as to the progress toward securing the officer.

Much interest has been shown by the business and professional people of the county toward the organization of the Chamber of Commerce and the officials are hopeful this interest will manifest itself today during the membership canvass, insofar as all business firms and individuals will join in helping to put this drive over during the one day.

Draft Office To Operate Part Time

Walter Edwards, chairman of the Perquimans County Draft Board, has announced the local board will begin a part-time schedule Monday, April 18.

The office will be open only two and one-half days a week. Office hours will be Mondays and Thursdays 8:30 A. M. until 5:30 P. M., closed 12 noon to 1 P. M. for lunch; Tuesdays, 8:30 A. M. until 12:30 P. M.

Mr. Edwards also stated Perquimans County has an induction call of one registrant April 19 and three registrants for pre-induction the same date.

The local board is unable to locate the following registrants at their last reported addresses and would appreciate any information of their whereabouts: William Angelo Welch, Negro, Tyner; Herman Johnson, Negro, Durants Neck; Harlan Forrest Mizelle, 20 Woodland Circle, Hertford; Edward Cobert Martin, Negro, Winfall; Johnnie William Jordan, Route 3, Hertford; Charles Parker Nungesser, 17 Penn Avenue, Hertford; Sterling LeRoy Miller, Negro, 50 Dobb Street, Hertford; and Alexander Sutton, Negro, Chapanoke.

Thomas Nixon Is Board Candidate

Thomas Nixon announced Friday he will be a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for Parkville Township, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 28. He filed notice of his candidacy with the Board of Elections the same day. Mr. Nixon will oppose George Baker, incumbent, who is a candidate for re-election.

BAKE SALE

The St. Catherine Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Saturday, April 9 beginning at 10 A. M. in the old bank building in Hertford.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The first of the 1960 presidential primaries has come and gone. Senator Humphrey and Senator Kennedy battled it out in Wisconsin and both candidates polled more votes than Vice President Nixon, who had entered the GOP primary. Early returns favored Humphrey but Kennedy had a slight lead when more than half the Wisconsin votes had been counted. It appeared both candidates would wind up with about the same number of delegates to the national convention.

Sudden spring weather in the mid-west brought melting snow and rain which caused floods in wide areas along the Mississippi River and its tributaries. Hard hit areas were in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. Workers by the hundreds joined in the battle to sand-bag dikes and levees to contain the water to the river but thousands of areas of land were reported flooded.

The State Board of Welfare Tuesday announced it will restore cuts in welfare checks which were ordered some months ago. Cuts were made due to lack of funds appropriated for the program but Governor Hodges announced additional funds had been recovered to carry the program at the same level maintained before the cuts were instigated.

Alonzo C. Edwards, well known official of the Farm Bureau, announced Tuesday he will step down as executive vice president of the organization after having served in the office for three years. No successor has been named for Edwards.

The West has rejected a disarmament proposal submitted by Russia at the Geneva Conference as being too formless and dangerous to provide a basis for negotiation. Further discussion on disarmament is expected prior to the summit meeting now being planned for next month.

Sunrise Services Planned Easter

Easter sunrise services for the Hertford area will be held this year on Easter morning at 5:26 o'clock on the back lawn of the R. S. Monds on Front Street overlooking the river.

The Rev. Norman Harris and the Rev. James Auman are planning this as a union service for their congregations, but the service is by no means confined to Methodists and Baptists of the community.

There will be special organ music, suitable for the joyous occasion and the traditional Easter message from the Scriptures will be re-told. Following the sunrise service the youth groups of the two churches will have fellowship breakfast together at the Methodist Church.

Changes Made For FHA Supervisors

William H. Perry, Jr., county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration for the past three years, has been transferred to Smithfield, North Carolina, in a similar position. His transfer became effective April 3, 1960.

D. G. Modlin, area supervisor, will serve as acting county supervisor until April 15, when Donald W. Norman will transfer to Hertford as county supervisor and assume his new duties on April 18. Mr. Norman has been with the Farmers Home Administration since 1955 and comes to Hertford from Clinton, N. C. He is married and the father of two children. He will move his family to Hertford as soon as suitable housing can be located.



FOR KNUCKLEHEADS—Adding graphic force to her argument, Assemblywoman Mrs. Mildred Barry Hughes wears homemade spiked knuckleheads confiscated from a juvenile. She introduced a bill in the New Jersey Legislature to make such weapons illegal. Roman gladiators called the device a "cestus." It is simply a leather band studded with nails.

Arson Suspected In Connection With Three Fires Sunday

Board Confers On Retirement Plan For Employees

Commissioners for Perquimans County, considering a retirement plan for local officials and county employees, conferred with J. L. Greenlee, assistant executive secretary of the North Carolina Retirement System, concerning a feasible plan for this county.

Mr. Greenlee advised the board this county is the only one within the state which does not provide such a plan for officials and employees and he discussed at some length the provisions of the State Retirement System and social security.

Commissioners questioned Mr. Greenlee on all phases of the eligibility requirements, since this has been one problem the board has had under consideration especially as to the county's responsibility for certain persons not employed by the county but that do work for county officials in carrying on the duties of several of the county offices.

Mr. Greenlee advised the Commissioners he will ascertain the responsibility the county has toward these employees and so advise the board in the immediate future.

It is estimated a retirement program, if adopted for this county, will cost the county in the neighborhood of about \$1,500 annually.

The Commissioners took no action on the matter during the meeting Monday but tabled the program pending further information from Mr. Greenlee.

Hertford Jaycees Attend District Meet Wednesday

Approximately 25 Hertford Jaycees attended the fourth Tenth District meeting held Wednesday night in the National Guard armory in Ahoskie. Russ Twiford of Elizabeth City, Tenth District Vice President, presided over the meeting introducing special guests, Al Harrison of Taber City, State Jaycee President, and Warren Twiddy of Edenton, National Director.

Boy Bryant of Ahoskie was elected the new Tenth District Vice President following a spirited campaign. The sixth Tenth District Workshop will be held in Elizabeth City on April 20. Reports were heard by the District Committee Chairman, three candidates for state offices made campaign speeches and bids for the 1961 Miss N. C. Beauty Pageant were heard from representatives from Burlington and Guilford College. Plymouth won the attendance prize with 83 members present.

Board Requested To Provide More Service For Court

Red Cross Fund Campaign Lagging

The Perquimans County Red Cross Fund Campaign is lagging, according to Marion Swindell, Fund Campaign chairman. To date only \$466 of the goal of \$1,200 has been turned in, but there are many solicitors who haven't turned in their reports. There are two full townships and the business district to be heard from as well as portions of the other townships.

If there are those who have not been contacted for a contribution and wish to make a donation, they can call Mr. Swindell and he will have some one see them.

All solicitors are urged to complete their canvassing as soon as possible and turn in their reports.

Indians Defeat Edenton; To Play Ahoskie Friday

Perquimans High School continued its "hot pace" in the Albemarle Conference baseball race last Friday shutting out the Edenton Aces 1-0 with Pete Hunter baffling the Edenton batters allowing only two hits during the seven-inning contest.

Harrell, pitching for Edenton, also did a masterful job holding the Indians' attack until the last of the fifth inning when Spivey, Hunter and Johnny Winslow banged out singles to score the winning run.

Spivey led the inning off with a single, followed by a safety by Hunter and Winslow's hit scored Spivey.

Hunter fanned eight Edenton batters, walked one and the Indians committed one error. Harrell fanned two Indians, walked none.

Perquimans plays at home again Friday, meeting the strong Ahoskie team. Game time is set for 2:15 o'clock.

Project Completed At Union School

Perquimans County Union School has completed the outdoor lighting project which was started early in the school term by the Parent Teacher Association of the school. The project consists of eleven lights which surround the building at intervals similar to those found on the average city street. The operation of the lights is automatic; they come on with the approach of darkness and go off at daylight.

The total cost for the installation of the lights was \$684.94. The Parent Teacher Association, Perquimans County Union School and the Board of Education each contributed \$228.31 of the total amount. The Virginia Power Company will maintain the lighting system. At the end of the month of March of each school term the Parent Teacher Association and Perquimans County Union School will share in the payment of \$198 to the company.

The patrons of the school, especially those who support and attend the various night activities and have known for some time of the necessity of some type of outside lights around the building, are pleased with the realization of such a project. J. A. Dempsey, principal of the school, the students, parents and teachers are grateful to those who helped make the lighting project possible.

Monds Candidate For County Board

Riley S. Monds, Hertford business man, has announced his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner for Hertford Township, subject to the Democratic primary on May 28. Mr. Monds filed notice of his candidacy with the Board of Elections last Monday.

In a day-long session here last Monday, Commissioners for Perquimans County considered tentative budget proposals for the fiscal year starting July 1 and voted to adopt a resolution to provide a stream clearance project for Belvidere Township.

The board gave tentative approval to a proposed budget for the county school system calling for expenditures in the amount of \$89,189 for the general school fund and \$18,350 for the school supplement fund. The first item is an increase of more than \$3,000 over last year, while the school supplement outlay will amount to about \$4,000 more than the current year.

Sgt. Logan Lane and Cpl. R. A. Tripp of the State Highway Patrol appeared before the board and requested the county provide additional service for the Recorder's Court, especially as to the issuance of warrants on arrests made by members of the patrol. Mr. Lane told the board he was receiving many complaints concerning traffic violations in the county after 5 o'clock in the afternoon and that while his patrolmen are not ticket happy and do not want to arrest anybody he felt service on issuing a warrant should be available once an arrest is made. Mr. Tripp said he was interested in the situation since he is a resident of the county, and he also receives complaints about traffic violations.

Lane told the board patrolmen can issue tickets to local residents on arrest for violations but had to release non-residents in cases when warrants were not available.

Mr. Lane also pointed out if no other way could be arranged to provide this service it might be solved by having an individual appointed as a justice of the peace who would have authority to issue warrants and set bonds. Commission Chairman R. L. Spivey pointed out to Mr. Lane the law covering the clerical department of the Recorder's Court does not empower the Commissioners to appoint additional deputy clerks, that the board can only approve appointments made by the clerk.

However, at the close of the discussion with Sgt. Lane, the board discussed the situation with Clerk of Recorder's Court, W. H. Pitt and agreement was reached whereby Mr. Pitt will appoint any person secured by the board for the post.

The Commissioners adopted a resolution for the clearance of the Perquimans River between Up River bridge and Perry bridge in Belvidere Township, as prepared by the U. S. Corps of Engineers. A clause in the resolution calling for the county to maintain the river free of debris, once cleared by the engineers, was deleted originally but an opinion by the Attorney General permits the board to adopt this portion of the contract, thus assuring completion of the project.

Tentative budget proposals considered by the Commissioners Monday indicate a reduction of about \$11,000 in the 1961 budget as compared with the 1960 budget, what with an estimated \$14,000,000 property valuation will permit a substantial reduction on the county tax rate.

Final action on the budget will be taken at the June meeting of the board.

CANTATA SUNDAY NIGHT

"The Glory of the Cross", a cantata using the familiar hymns of the cross, will be presented by the combined choirs of First Methodist Church, Hertford, Palm Sunday night, April 10, at 7:30 o'clock. Around eighty voices, under the direction of Miss Caroline Wright, minister of music, will sing the unfolding story of Jesus' life, His crucifixion and His victory over death. Soloists include: Miss Susan Nixon, Beth Harris, Ava Ray Kirby, Hollis Williams, Jan White, Debra Henry and Mary Elliott Brinn and Mrs. Eugene Boyce. Mrs. Ray Kirby, Mrs. Charles Skinner, Jr., and Mrs. T. B. Sumner.