

ASC Preparing For Annual Election County Committee

Plans are now being formulated for the election of around 3000 ASC community committee members who will assist in administering the ASC farm programs in North Carolina during 1961. Each year an election is held in which three ASC committees and two alternate committees are elected to serve in each ASC community in the state. Three ASC county committees are also elected in each county after completion of the community elections.

George Bellmon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, says that the election procedure for this year will be very much the same as in prior years. Elections, he said, will be by ballot box at designated community polling places throughout the county.

These elections Bellmon explained will be conducted under the supervision of a County Election Board in every county in the state. These election boards are set up as prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture and the membership as made up includes the County Agent; County Heads of the Soil Conservation Service and Farmers Home Administration and representatives of the Farm Bureau. The county election board met, named a secretary and selected community election boards and designated the polling places and location of the county convention.

Bellmon further brought out the fact that the ASC community committees serve throughout the year advising their neighboring farmers of the current provisions of their federal farm programs.

Hertford Business Closed Out After 49 Year Operation

A Hertford business, in operation here for 49 years, closed its doors for the last time last Saturday.

The business, J. Broughton & Brother, a partnership, was dissolved by the deaths of the owners, and was operated for a short time by the co-administrators, John Broughton, Jr., and Howard Broughton.

Arrangements were completed last week whereby the remaining stock of the store was sold in its entirety and the business was closed as of that date.

The firm owed current weekly bills in the amount of only \$27.30 as of that date, thus establishing some kind of a record.

Thatch Funeral Conducted Friday

Funeral services for Benjamin Thatch, 90, who died Wednesday afternoon at his home on Route 1 following an illness of four months, were held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Bethel Baptist Church by the Rev. Bryan Holloman, pastor.

The church choir sang "Some-time We'll Understand" and "Rock of Ages." They were accompanied by Miss Maude Lee Corpore.

The casket pall was made of white mums, white gladioli, red carnations and fern.

Funeral services were held at the home of the deceased, Mrs. John Corpore, Wilbur Springs, Dewey Perry, Jr., Joseph Proctor and Lloyd Evans.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Rev. Hathaway To Preach Here Sunday

The Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Raleigh, former superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the Methodist Conference, will be guest preacher at the Hertford Methodist Church on Sunday, August 14, in the absence of the Rev. John A. Anderson, Mr. Hathaway recently is executive secretary of the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Church.

Death Knell Sounds For Ferry Service In Eastern Carolina

According to the State Highway Commission, visitors to North Carolina's Outer Banks may not realize it, but they are taking one of their last ferry-boat rides across the Alligator River.

The activity underway at the western shore of the river is the job of spanning the waters of the Alligator with a bridge, eliminating ferry service and providing a direct access to the Outer Banks. By the summer of 1962, the bridge, one of the largest ever built in North Carolina, will be under traffic and the three ferries which now transport vehicular traffic across the river will no longer be needed.

Opening of the bridge to traffic will bring the Dare resort areas closer to the central part of the state by some 40 miles. The bridge will provide a shot in the arm for all tourist interests in the area and will mean uninterrupted driving along U. S. 64.

Another bridge scheduled for future letting is the Oregon Inlet structure, providing quicker access to Hatteras Island and the Seashore National Park, first of its kind in the nation.

A new way of life has been predicted for all of Northeastern North Carolina with the completion of the bridges. Several years ago, the Unstead Bridge at Manns Harbor was opened to traffic, and since that time there has been an upsurge in activity there. New motels, service stations and restaurants have appeared and party boat fishermen report increased business.

This community already is witnessing a change. The undeveloped country around the ferry landing has been transformed into a miniature city, complete with night watchman and long before actual construction was begun on the bridge, crews moved into the area and built a harbor for use in transporting materials to and from the scene. Several miles away, a trailer park was set up to accommodate the T. A. Loving Company employees who will call Sandy Point home for the next two years.

The biggest "do it yourself" project ever witnessed around these parts was set up only a few feet from shore, where Loving makes his own prestressed concrete piles and girders for the bridge. The casting yard was built on the spot as an economy measure, saving the cost of transporting piles and girders from commercial yards as far away as Raleigh or Wilmington.

By building the piles and girders at the construction site, the Goldsboro contracting firm has established a first in North Carolina road-building. This is the first time that a contractor has undertaken the job of casting his own piles and girders on location, according to Loving's superintendent on the job, G. B. Trimble.

The casting yard consists of two casting beds, equipped to cast six piles each at a time. The piles, ranging in length from 46 to 94 feet, are reinforced with 20 strands of 7/16 inch cable, manufactured in Italy. Some of the first piles put into place on the bridge were reinforced with Japanese-made cable, according to Trimble, who said the original shipment from Italy was delayed in port in New York by the longshoremen's strike.

It takes 7 cubic yards of concrete to cast a 94-foot pile, and 12 hours later, after steam curing at 150 degrees, there emerges a giant pile, weighing more than 15 tons, and ready to take its place in the new bridge.

Following the curing process, the piles are transported by crane to a storage area nearby, or to the bridge site out over the water.

The casting yard also is equipped to cast 8 girders at one time. Each is 38 inches deep and 10 feet long.



TIME MARCHES SLOWLY—A survivor of less hurried days, this old donkey cart rolls slowly through St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

ACP Open To All Farmers Of County

All farmers in Perquimans County who have not participated in the 1960 Agricultural Conservation Program and who have conservation problems on their farms should call at the ASC office in Hertford between August 15 and September 1, George Bellmon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, said today in announcing the Fall Sign-Up.

In signing a request under the 1960 ACP to carry out approved soil and water conservation practices, the farmer does not obligate himself in any way, but he does make himself eligible for program assistance in carrying out needed conservation practices.

Important achievements have been realized in this county through the Agricultural Conservation Program. Mr. Bellmon urges all farmers who have a need for any of the following practices on his farm to visit the ASC office during the Sign-Up Period:

- (1) Establishment of a Permanent Protective Cover; (2) Establishment of Additional Protective Vegetative Cover in Crop Rotation; (3) Forest Tree Planting; (4) Forest Improvement; (5) Winter Cover Crops; (6) Year-Around Cover; (7) Farm Roads for Irrigation and/or Livestock Water; (8) Permanent Open Ditch Drainage; (9) Tile Drainage; (10) Lime on Farmland (legumes and grasses); (11) Establishment of Fescue in Crop Rotation.

Hertford Police Have Busy Month

Hertford police had a busy month during July, according to a report made to the town board Monday night by Police Captain B. L. Gibbs.

A total of 29 arrests were reported along with more than 100 other activities. The arrests included 12 drunks, one speeder, four for assault, three for reckless driving, three for larceny and six miscellaneous. Twenty-eight of those arrested were found guilty by the court and one defendant found not guilty.

The department answered and investigated 45 calls, four accidents, and extended 50 court-calls. Routine checks revealed 11 doors were found left unlocked and 17 lights reported out.

Anderson Church To Hold Revival

Anderson Methodist Church announces a revival service to be conducted at the church, beginning August 14, and continuing through August 18. The Rev. Tracy Varnum of Marshallberg, N. C., will be the visiting minister. Services will be conducted each evening beginning at 8 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Frank Anderson, cordially invites the public to attend the services.

Perquimans Farm Festival Exhibits Draw Large Crowd

Perquimans County's annual Farm Festival drew another record crowd here last Wednesday when the event was conducted in the Perquimans High School gym, featuring commercial and hobby exhibits and handicraft.

Sponsored by the Farm Extension Service, the festival, despite an intense heat wave, drew county residents of all ages who walked about the large gala decorated exhibit floor viewing the farm and commercial exhibits and the handicraft arts shown by merchants and members of the community. A new exhibit which drew much attention was that of the County Historical Society which had a large number of historic relics on display.

Judging of the individual exhibits was conducted Monday night and the winners were announced Tuesday.

In the individual judging, Talmadge Lewis and Mrs. A. E. Layden were selected Mrs. and Mrs. Farm Festival. Mrs. Layden won 19 ribbons and Lewis nine.

Blue ribbon winners were as follows:

Field Crops — W. W. Bundy, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Tom Madre, Raymond Eure, Mrs. Tom Madre, Warner Madre; meats and poultry products — Claude Williams, Billy Williams, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, W. W. Bundy; horticulture — Mrs. George Winslow, Georgia K. Winslow, Mrs. McCoy Phthisis, Michael Matthews, Mrs. A. E. Layden, Jimmy Harrell, Jr., Mrs. Willie Lamb, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Mrs. Estes Copeland, Mrs. W. D. Perry, Mrs. Raymond Eure, W. T. Lewis, Paul Ward.

Clothing — Mrs. Edgar Long, Mrs. W. C. Dozier, Mrs. Vernon Harrell, Mrs. Sam Trueblood, Mrs. Onedia Cartwright, Mrs. Ernest Sutton, Mrs. Mark Gregory, Mrs. Ed Wilder, Janice Stanton; baked goods — Marcia Copeland, Mrs. Warner Madre, Mrs. Estes Copeland, Mrs. George Winslow, Georgia K. Winslow.

Canned Goods — Mrs. W. D. Perry, Mrs. A. E. Layden, Mrs. Billy Winslow, Mrs. Raymond Eure, Mary Beth Hurdle, Mrs. J. B. Basnight, Mrs. Walton Lane, Mrs. Raymond Stanton, Mrs. Ed Wilder, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Mrs. McCoy Phthisis; flowers — Mrs. Claude Winslow, Mrs. A. E. Layden, Mrs. Willie Lamb, Annette Cartwright, Mrs. E. J. Proctor, Mrs. Evelyn Harrell, Mrs. Raymond Stanton, Mrs. E. W. Dunsmoor, Mrs. M. T. Griffin.

Arts and Crafts — Doris Chapell, Elizabeth King, Mrs. Beulah Winslow, Mrs. Archie White, Mrs. Onedia Cartwright, Vennie Cartwright, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Nat Fulford, Margaret Ainsley, Mrs. Harold Hurdle.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans Recorder's Court was in recess Tuesday due to the absence from the city of rain. The commission in deciding the case on the docket, have been parties to try to work out a satisfactory agreement on the situation.

Effort Being Made To Secure Another Doctor In County

Hertford and Perquimans County will be receiving increased medical coverage about January 1, 1961, if efforts now being made by interested parties are successful in completing arrangements for a young doctor to locate in Hertford.

Dr. T. P. Brinn, who with others are in contact with this doctor concerning his future location, stated he is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has had experience in the field of medicine while in the military service. He is presently taking post-graduate work in obstetrics at Wake Forest College. He is married and has one child.

Efforts to bring this young doctor to Perquimans County have been underway for several months and at the present time the outlook is very favorable that he will locate in Hertford. While arrangements are as yet incomplete, it was pointed out should the community be successful in acquiring this doctor he will become a part of this community, devoting full time to a practice of medicine among the people of Perquimans County.

Merchants Seek Customer Views On Saturday Hours

Faced with changing customs, as well as laws, a number of merchants in Hertford are giving some thought to rearranging the hours during which stores remain open, especially on Saturday night.

This reporter has been requested to place the "thoughts" before the public to get a general reaction on the part of the people of Perquimans County to a proposal that cooperating stores will stay open on Saturday nights only until seven o'clock.

It is to be understood, at the present time, no definite action has been taken but the merchants want their patrons to discuss the matter freely with them and give the merchants their views concerning such a plan. The interested merchants feel they can arrive at a decision if they have the views of their customers toward this end.

Likewise, this newspaper will print any letter to the editor a person desires to write and publicly state his views on the subject of stores closing at 7 P. M. Please remember, the letters to be published, must be signed by the writer.

The proposition concerning the stores of Hertford closing at this hour on Saturdays has come about by practices being followed in other communities, along with changing customs in the employment of personnel. Also, many stores are affected, or will be affected, through enforcement of wage and hour laws now in force, or proposed, on the state and federal levels.

If you have an opinion concerning this proposed early Saturday closing, please let your merchants know about it.

No Decision Made On Drainage Plan

The State Highway Commission, meeting in New Bern Thursday of last week, took no action on a proposal for installation of a culvert in U. S. Highway 158 to provide drainage of land owned by Washington Forest, Inc., located in Pasquotank County.

Between 35 and 40 property owners in Perquimans County traveled to New Bern for the purpose of presenting a petition to the commission opposing the installation of a culvert on the grounds the project would cause serious damage to lands within Perquimans County.

C. R. Holmes represented the Perquimans petitioners and urged the commission to rule against the proposal, pointing out the proposal was made by a private corporation for private gain. The commission in deciding the case on the docket, have been parties to try to work out a satisfactory agreement on the situation.

Board Considers Electric Rate And New Building Code

4-H Health Queen And King Honored

The Perquimans County 4-H Health Queen and King were given state honors at 4-H Club Week in Raleigh.

Carolyn Faye Rogerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., of Route 2, Hertford, and Vernon Winslow, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Winslow of Route 2, Hertford, were named in the blue ribbon group of North Carolina 4-H Health Improvement Kings and Queens at the State Health Pageant at North Carolina 4-H Club Week. They have both been active in home, community and school activities. They were chosen on the basis of personal, family and community health improvements that they have made in the past year.

Vernon was the president of the Perquimans County 4-H Council and has participated on committees and acted as a leader in many capacities. He has given the forestry demonstration five times.

Among her activities, Carolyn Faye is secretary-treasurer of the 4-H County Council and has headed the finance committee. She has been county dairy foods winner for two years and has been district canning winner for two years.

Town And County Share Division Intangible Taxes

Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford on Tuesday received checks in the amount of \$10,049.08 in the division of state collected intangible taxes for 1960 as reported by Allen Paschel of the State Board of Assessment.

Perquimans County's share of the collection amounted to \$6,917.67 while the Town of Hertford received \$1,131.41.

Total amount paid the two local governmental units amounted to \$2,204.28 more than was received from this source during 1959. The state collected a total of \$10,004,784 and retained \$637,283 as a collection fee. The funds are collected from such sources as money on deposit in banks, money on hand, accounts receivable, shares of stock owned by individuals.

Intangible taxes received by Perquimans County are estimated in the preparation of the annual budget and divided among the various funds of the county, thus permitting a lesser tax rate than would be possible without receipt of these funds.

THOMAS BUTT RECORDED

In the Saturday morning session of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, which was held at Guilford College August 1-6, Thomas R. Butt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac C. Butt of New Hope, was recorded (ordained) as a minister of the Gospel in the Religious Society of Friends.

Thomas, a former member of Piney Woods Meeting at Belvidere, served as student pastor of the Concord Meeting near Greensboro for the past four years while getting his training at Guilford College.

He was called to pastor the Bethesda Meeting near Dunn, where he and his family moved the first of July. He is married to the former Mary Lina Raper of Belvidere. They have three children, Tommy, Phyllis and Anne.

JAYCEE CALENDAR PROJECT UNDER WAY

The Hertford Jaycees are now in the process of conducting their annual birthday calendar sale, proceeds from which will be used by the organization to sponsor the children's Christmas program and to further improve the community and county.

The public is urged to cooperate with the Jaycees on this project.

Hertford Town Board, meeting here in regular session Monday night, authorized a study to be made concerning electric power rates when used to cool or heat homes and buildings. This action is in line with other utility facilities furnishing electric current for new appliances such as heat pumps, now gaining favor as the method for heating of homes.

No action was taken pending this study on a request made by W. W. White for reconsideration of a utility bill for the new Post Office building which uses this type of appliance.

The board also discussed adoption of a building code which will provide authority to the Hertford board to condemn dilapidated buildings as fire hazards. Hertford is presently operating under the state code but the board expressed an opinion a code written solely for the town will give the board definite power not included in the state code. Pending adoption of a code, the board will have a representative of the Department of Insurance to come to Hertford for the purpose of conducting a survey of buildings and homes and compile a report on action needed to be taken against property owners who have permitted buildings to become a hazard.

Another discussion centered around further action to speed up collection of delinquent taxes and the town attorney was instructed to begin immediately foreclosure proceedings against a number of pieces of real estate for which the town holds tax liens. The town clerk was also authorized to proceed with action toward levying against personal property for the collection of delinquent personal property taxes.

The board named R. C. Efflott, fire chief and Commissioner W. A. White as delegates to the State Firemen's convention to be conducted at Carolina Beach next week and appropriated the sum of \$100 to cover expenses of the delegates to the convention.

F. T. Britt, town superintendent, was instructed to carry out the annual project of cutting grass and weeds on vacant lots where property owners have failed to do so. Charges of this work will be made against the property owners.

The board also authorized the town clerk, during the annual audit of the town's books, to write off delinquent personal taxes of individuals known to have been dead for a period of five years or more.

Lions Hear Talk On Scout Camporee

Members of the Hertford Lions Club were given a detailed report on the Boy Scout Camporee held during July at Little Creek, Va., when the Scoutmaster, Marvin Simpson and two Scouts, Paul Gregory and Howard Robertson were guests at the Lions meeting last Friday night.

The Scouts told about the more than 4,200 boys attending the camporee and the activities. The Scouts were divided into patrols with 12 boys being assigned each patrol. Scouts from Hertford Troop 155 comprised two patrols and each patrol won a blue ribbon for their camping performances. Total points won by the two local patrols were 1,290 points.

The local Scouts were accompanied to the camporee by Scoutmaster Simpson and E. C. Woodard. The Hertford troop is sponsored by the Lions Club.

MRS. LELAND SADLER

Word was received here last Sunday of the death of Mrs. Madge Gregory Sadler, sister of M. J. Gregory, at her home in Anderson, S. C. Funeral services were conducted at Anderson at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

MASONS TO MEET

Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.