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Tri-County Group Organize To Push Highway Program

Town and county officials from Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan counties met in Hertford Friday afternoon of last week for the purpose of formulating plans to push proposed highway work for the improvement of U. S. 17 through the Albemarle area.

About 25 representatives, including officers of the various Chambers of Commerce, discussed the proposed N. C. State Highway Commission program for the coming 15 years and reached the conclusion projects set up for the Albemarle area should be advanced in priority to coincide with the completion of the bridge-tunnel across Chesapeake Bay, now under construction by the state of Virginia.

Mayor Levin Culpepper of Elizabeth City, chosen as chairman for this meeting, told the group he had investigated the proposals made recently by the N. C. State Commission and was of the opinion these plans were adopted prior to the sale of the bay bonds, and that the Highway Commission had no way of knowing if the bridge-tunnel program would be carried out.

Culpepper also said, "I think all counties and towns in the Albemarle should get together on united plans to seek improvement to North Carolina roads in the Albemarle, especially Highway 17."

Gilliam Wood of Edenton proposed a committee be named to confer with the State Highway Commission requesting proposed projects such as four lane highways and by-passes be stepped up and given higher priority in order for North Carolina to be preferred for the status of state which will be coming into this area following completion of the bridge-tunnel near Norfolk.

The tri-county group named W. P. Jones of Chowan, R. L. Hollowell of Perquimans and Mayor Culpepper of Pasquotank to the committee to expedite Albemarle road projects.

The group also adopted a resolution on this matter which is to be forwarded immediately to the N. C. Highway Commission, and the action taken Friday will be presented at an Ocean Highway meeting in New Bern on Thursday of this week, at which time the group will seek to enlist the assistance of all towns and counties on Highway 17 in promoting the local plan.

Further meetings of this group are expected to be held from time to time during which a committee will make reports on the progress being made and immediate improvements in the Albemarle area highway.

Smith-Hollowell Vows Spoken At Winfall Saturday

The marriage of Mrs. Thelma Miller Hollowell of Winfall, to Nelson J. Smith of Route Two, took place on Saturday afternoon, September 10, at 3 o'clock in a candlelight ceremony at the home of the bride. The Rev. Louis Winslow of Greensboro, N. C., performed the ceremony. Miss R. Ralph White, organist, presented the wedding music and accompanied Wm. J. P. Zerkowich, Jr., of Durham, N. C., who sang the wedding hymn, "O Perfect Love," by Beethoven, just prior to the ceremony.

The bride, who entered unattended, wore an Auburn Oriental of regular size with long sleeves and matching hat and shoes. Lillian Longmire, Mrs. Emma Jones, Mrs. Mabel White and Mrs. Mabel White were bridesmaids and Mrs. Mabel White was the ring bearer.

This Week's Headlines

The East Coast is cleaning up after Hurricane Donna. Here in North Carolina property damage is in the millions of dollars and damage to roads and bridges is estimated at half a million dollars. The storm finally pood out in Canada after having caused death to at least 143 persons, 25 of them in the U. S.

The United States has rejected a Russian protest made following U. S. decisions to restrict Soviet Premier Khrushchev's travel to Manhattan Island on his visit to the United Nations. Practically all of the Russian satellite nations will also send government leaders to this meeting which has been termed a Communist propaganda tactic.

Senator John F. Kennedy will open his North Carolina presidential campaign Saturday in Greenville where he will speak at about 10 A. M. in the stadium of East Carolina College. From Greenville the political caravan will travel to several other cities, winding up in Raleigh where Kennedy will speak Saturday night.

Strife in the Congo has eased somewhat this week with the UN assuming stronger methods to end the civil war; however, uncertainty still exists over the Congo government. Premier Lumumba was ousted from his job but the Congolese Parliament, with more than half its members absent voted, later, that Lumumba should run the government with full powers. Reports from the Congo are sketchy as to the situation following this action.

Town Board In Routine Session

Hertford's Town Board had a routine session for its September meeting held Monday night in the Municipal Building. The board voted to contribute \$25 toward the construction of a lighted athletic field at Perquimans Union School. No action was taken following a discussion of a study for electric power rates for Hertford, but the matter was tabled for discussion at a later meeting. Reports were given to the board on work progress toward restoring town services disrupted by the hurricane. There was much favorable comment on the efforts being made by town employees.

Red Cross Starts Rehabilitation Plan Here In Perquimans

Perquimans County, faced with a tremendous rehabilitation task, following Hurricane Donna, will have assistance from the American Red Cross, it was announced today by John T. Biggers, chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Committee. Glenn Brozier, Field Representative for American Red Cross, was in Hertford Tuesday conferring with Mr. Biggers and Claude Williams, chairman of the Perquimans Red Cross Chapter, and Sheriff J. Kelley White concerning a rehabilitation program for this county. According to best estimates made of the county situation and damage sustained by the storm one home was completely destroyed, one trailer severely damaged, 10 homes have major damage and some 250 houses have minor damage amounting to at least \$100,000. It was reported 14 town buildings were damaged. The Red Cross committee will begin a program of rehabilitation with funds to be supplied by the national Red Cross treasury to provide grants to individuals in need of aid due to losses suffered through the hurricane. He reported applications for this assistance will be received in the office of the superintendent of schools, in the court house, up to and including next Tuesday. The assistance will be open to those individuals who show need and the lack of finances to restore their losses. Following the filing of an application a Field Representative of the Red Cross will investigate each case determining the individual need and the lack of finances and this investigation will be reviewed by the County Disaster Committee for final action. Mr. Biggers reported the local Red Cross chapter set up field kitchens in Hertford Monday night and fed 176 persons, all of whom were without facilities of their own except for those who were unable to do so.

Election Results For ASC Program Announced Here

Eighteen percent of the eligible voters in Perquimans County voted in the Community ASC committee election held in each community on Thursday, September 8, George Bellmon, Perquimans County ASC office manager, announced today.

The men elected to serve as community committeemen for 1961 are: Belvidere community, Parker Copeland, Louis L. Spivey, Harold Copeland, Walter T. Nowell, Ellis Winslow; Bethel community, William Stallings, Colon S. Jackson, S. Edgar Long, J. B. Perry, W. D. Perry, Jr.; Hertford community, Joe Rogerson, Carroll Williams, Emmett Long, Clarence Dail, T. R. Kirby; New Hope community, Marvin Caddy, Lucius Butt, Belvin Euro, Ben Chambers, Abraham L. Godfrey, Jr.; Nicanor community, Seidon Rountree, Herbert L. Williams, Elisha S. Winslow, Joseph H. Stallings, J. Johnnie Stallings; Parkville community, Julian Mathews, Tom Banks, Lawrence Perry, Paul Smith, Raymond Stanton.

The men elected as delegates to the County Convention are Parker Copeland, William A. Stallings, Joe Rogerson, Marvin Caddy, Seldon Rountree and Julian R. Mathews. The County Convention will be held Friday, September 23, at the Agricultural Building in Hertford, at which time the delegates will elect the men to serve as County ASC committeemen for 1961. The men elected as community committeemen and county committeemen will take office October 1, 1960.

German Student To Visit Hertford

Martin Brose of Berlin, Germany, will be the week-end guest of the Rev. and Mrs. James A. Auman at the Methodist parsonage in Hertford. He will arrive in Hertford Thursday to stay with the Aumans until he has to report for his graduate studies in Sacred Music in New York City on Monday, September 19. The Aumans became acquainted with their guest when they were counselors for the European Caravan in 1958. Martin, who was a student in Germany at that time, was their guide and interpreter during the Caravan's two weeks in Germany. He is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Ernest Brose of the Methodist Church in Germany. They reside within two blocks of the Communist East Sector and carry on a magnificent work for the Methodist Church there. *Continued on Page Eight*

Girls' State Report Given Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary of William Paul Stallings Post 126, met on Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Noah Gregory with Mesdames Maude Jones and Vera Batton as co-hostesses. Devotional was given by the chaplain, Mrs. Ethel Perry. A most interesting program was given by Misses Linda Bass and Anne Benton on their trip to Girls' State Convention held in Greensboro. During the business meeting presided over by the president, Mrs. Ann Goodwin, the group voted to send out cards reminding members of the meeting dates. It was announced that October is Rehabilitation Month and also time for a membership drive. The first area meeting will be held in Elizabeth City on September 19, 1960, beginning at 9:30 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. All members are urged to attend. The meeting adjourned with a sweet course served by the hostesses.

Berea Church To Observe Homecoming

The Berea Church of Christ will hold its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 18, it was announced today. Bible School will begin at 10 A. M. with preaching and communion at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served on the church lawn at noon. Beginning at 1 o'clock an hour of song service will be conducted. All members of the church, friends and relatives of members are invited to attend the homecoming on Sunday.

Variety Of Cases Before Recorder Here Last Tuesday

A docket of 19 cases was listed on the calendar of Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday following a court recess of one week.

Eleven defendants submitted to charges of speeding and paid fines as listed: Joseph Costa \$35, Margaret Chicano \$35, Virginia Kennedy \$25, Cecil Trussell \$25, Patrick Conley \$25, Joseph Armstrong \$25, James Padgett, Jr., \$25, Royce Scott \$25, Lonnie Norris \$23, Roderik Shepard \$35, Frederick Richards \$25.

The State took a nol prosequi in the case in which Willie Johnson, Negro, was charged with driving with an expired chauffeur's license. Costs of court were taxed against Sidney Bateman, who submitted to a charge of using improper lights.

The case in which Thomas Jenkins, Negro, was charged with larceny and receiving was not prosed. Henry Gordon, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway. Prayer for judgment was continued on the condition Gordon post a \$500 bond, pay the costs of court and the sum of \$450 for the use of Emmett Elmore for damages done to a car owned by Elmore.

William Overton, Negro, was found guilty on charges of driving drunk, driving without a license and without insurance, and failing to observe a stop light. He was given a 12 months sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$150 and costs of court and the sum of \$800 for the use of Thomas Riddick for damages sustained to Riddick's car.

Ester James, Rosa Lawrence, John White and Shirley Spillman, all Negroes, were found guilty of gambling. Each defendant was ordered to pay the costs of court and be of good behavior for 12 months. Robert Noble paid the costs of court after submitting to a charge of following too closely. Prayer for judgment was continued until September 15, in the case of Joseph McIntyre, Negro, who was found guilty on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Jordan Promoted Master Sergeant

LaPolk Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement T. Jordan of Hertford, was recently promoted to Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. Sergeant Jordan is presently performing duties as Sergeant Major at Inceirlik Air Base in Turkey. Inceirlik is one of the most highly regarded USAF overseas bases with a strategic location near the junction of three continents. The base serves as an overseas training base for Tactical Air Command in addition to providing support for other important United States missions.

Road Projects In County Completed

State forces completed paving on more than 17 miles of roads in the First Highway Division last month, according to Division Engineer W. N. Spruill. In Perquimans County, paving with bituminous surface treatment and patching was completed on 6.4 miles of Harvey's Point Road and 5.6 miles of Bethel Road. Also in Perquimans paving was completed on 1.9 mile of Road Landing Road. Paving was completed on 3 miles of Johnson Road in the vicinity of Oak City in Martin County and base work and paving was completed on 0.3 mile of Butlers Mill Road in Tyrrell County.

Youthful House Breaker Caught

A 14-year-old Negro boy was arrested last Thursday by Sheriff J. K. White, following an investigation of a series of break-ins which had occurred over a period of time. According to Sheriff White, the boy admitted to breaking into a store of the late Archie Godwin's and taking some merchandise from the building. He also confessed he had entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Smith several times and stealing more than \$300 from the Smith home. Sheriff White said the boy stated he had given some of the money to his father and used some for the purpose of gambling. \$100 was recovered at the time the boy was taken into custody by the sheriff. The youth was given a hearing Tuesday in juvenile court and sentenced to the State Training School.

Police Dept. Makes 24 Arrests In Aug.

Hertford Police Department made 24 arrests during the month of August, according to a report made to the Town Board on Monday night by Police Captain E. L. Gibbs. Arrests made included 9 drunks, one speeder, two reckless drivers, three for larceny, 5 miscellaneous traffic violations, one miscellaneous charge. Captain Gibbs reports 22 of the defendants were found guilty and two not guilty. The department answered 58 calls, extended 55 courtesies, had 228 radio calls, discovered 26 lights out and five doors unlocked. The police car traveled a total of 2,224 miles, an average of 88.2 miles per day.

Local Units Share In Distribution Of Powell Funds

Allocation of \$7,015,112.19 in Powell Bill funds to 409 participating municipalities was announced Friday by the State Highway Department. The funds are distributed annually to qualified cities and towns for use in non-highway street work within their corporate limits. Checks will be mailed to the municipalities on September 30.

Powell Bill funds represent one-half cent of the regular state gasoline tax and this year's total allocation represents a 3.6% increase over last year. Over the ten-year period in which the Powell Bill law has been in effect a total of \$58,797,140.55 has been distributed. The number of participating municipalities has grown from 386 in 1951 to 409 this year.

The allocation is proportioned among the eligible and qualifying municipalities on the basis of relative population and relative non-state system local street mileage as specified in the statutes. Highway officials pointed out that they were required by law to use the 1950 census figures for the population factor since the statute calls for using the "most recent certified federal decennial census." The 1960 census will not meet statutory requirements of the Powell Bill law until it is certified officially. This is expected to be done this winter.

Perquimans County towns received a total of \$8,692.12 from the funds with Hertford receiving \$7,214.66 while Winfall's share was \$1,477.46.

Bagley Swamp Church Revival

Revival services at the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Holiness Church will be conducted by the new pastor, the Rev. A. E. Barefoot. He and his family have recently returned to this country from Africa, where they served for seven years as missionaries. Mrs. Barefoot will assist him in special singing during the revival. Services will be held each evening at 7:45 o'clock beginning Friday, September 16, and continuing through the 25th. Sunday morning services will be at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Indians Shut Out Yellow Jackets; Play Central Friday

The Indians of Perquimans High School, uncorking an offensive attack with jet speed, scored a touchdown in four plays Friday night to gain a 7-0 victory over the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets in the opening game of the 1960 football season. Following this score in the opening minutes of the game, neither team threatened the opponents' goal line during the remainder of the contest. The Indians, however, were penalized numerous times for infractions such as being offside, backfield in motion and illegal use of hands which may have affected their fine performance. Perquimans, in winning its second straight football game from Elizabeth City, won the toss and elected to receive the kickoff in Friday night's game. Reed Matthews returned the kickoff to the Jackets' 45 yard line, then Madre circled the end to the 19 and Julian Nixon moved the ball to the Jackets' one-yard line. Reed Matthews smashed over for the touchdown and the extra point was converted by Nixon to give Perquimans a 7-0 advantage. Elizabeth City failed to show much strength during the first quarter when its attack foundered under defensive work by the Indian line. Perquimans made 2 first downs while the Jackets had 1 in the first period. The second quarter opened with the Indians in control of the ball on the 29-yard line. Madre made first down to the 40 but a penalty placed the ball back on the Indian 25, where McGoogan punted to mid-field. The Jackets racked up four first downs through the efforts of Don Mathews, McPherson and Caddy. Elizabeth City recovered a punt in the third quarter which enabled the Jackets to move the ball to the Indians' 15-yard line but the Indian defense pushed the Jackets back to the 30. There the Jackets kicked out of bounds on the 4-yard line. The quarter ended with Perquimans kicking to mid-field. Elizabeth City had three first downs while Perquimans got one. The final quarter was a repeat of the second and third periods with neither team able to move into scoring position. Elizabeth City, relying mainly on line plays, picked up four first downs while the Indians collected one, but the Indian defense contained the Jacket drive mostly to the middle of the field. Woodard, Spivey and Fowler were standouts for Perquimans on defense while the entire Indian backfield performed in good fashion. The Indians will play in Hertford again on Friday night when Central comes here for a contest with game time set for 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Hurricane Damage Severe In County; Cleanup Underway

Residents of Hertford and Perquimans County are clearing away the debris from the worst hurricane to hit this area in the past 25 years. Hurricane Donna, spawned in the south seas, swerved through Florida Saturday and after heading back into the Atlantic Ocean struck at the North Carolina coast last Sunday night. The storm picked up speed and arrived in this immediate area shortly after midnight. Warnings of the storm were issued for this locality between 8 and 9 o'clock Sunday night and preparations were quickly made to cope with the killer storm. School houses in the county were opened to those who desired to leave their homes and seek safe shelter. A large number of persons also gathered at the Municipal Building in Hertford.

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