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Board To Request County Pay More For Fire Fighting

A lengthy discussion by the Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, meeting here Monday night, concerning operation and housing facilities for the Fire Department led to a decision by the board to request Perquimans County to provide additional funds for these operations.

It was pointed out during the discussion the Fire Department needs more space for storing and maintaining fire fighting equipment, much of which is provided by the county, but it was the opinion of the board since the county now contributes only $1,000 annually toward the Fire Department operations at least part of the costs for expanding facilities should come from the county.

The board was advised in recent years the Fire Department answers more calls in the county areas than it is called upon within the Town of Hertford. Last year, it was reported, the department answered 34 fire calls in the county while it had only four calls within the town.

After reaching the decision to request additional funds from county sources, the board instructed the town clerk to prepare an itemized account of the department's financial set up, including all costs of operation which will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration, along with the town's request for greater participation by the county toward financing the fire fighting program now offered county residents.

During the discussion it was pointed out a number of counties in North Carolina have a special tax law which authorized county commissioners to levy a fire department tax for the purpose of financing a fire department. The county board will be requested to investigate the possibilities for such a law for Perquimans County.

All of this action was taken following presentation of a recommendatiin by the Fire Department that the town employ a part time worker to help keep the department's equipment in better condition. The board tabled action on this request deciding additional housing facilities for equipment was needed more at the present time than the proposal suggested by the Fire Department.

Other matters handled during the board meeting included a financial report made by Town Clerk R. C. Elliott for the first seven months of the town's fiscal year. This report revealed income is being received about as estimated last June. Estimated income for the year amounted to $206,000, actual income to date was $112,000. Expenditures thus far are running at about 50 per cent of the estimates made prior to adoption of the budget.

Union School PTA In Meeting Monday

The Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans County Union School held its regular monthly meeting, Monday evening in the school cafeteria.

James Turner, president, called the meeting to order. A report on the cost of the television, radio and record player to be given to holders of lucky ticket numbers in the membership drive was received.

During the meeting, it was agreed that the membership drive be continued. A representative from each community was chosen to help solicit members for the organization.

Remarks were made by J. A. Dempsey, principal. He reported the amount of money raised by the elementary department in their "Miss Sweetheart Contest," stressed the necessity of increasing the organization's membership and extended an invitation to parents to feel free to visit the school and observe the daily activities.

The Program Committee, with Mrs. M. S. Felton as chairman is planning a program centered around the month of the year to be presented at the March meeting.

Methodist Church Revival Services To Close Friday

Dr. G. Ray Jordan, of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., has preached to capacity congregations this week in revival services at the First Methodist Church. George Bellmon, chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, today announced the sermon subjects for the two concluding services.

Thursday night's message will be on "God Can Supply All Our Needs". This service is at 7:30 P. M. But on Friday night, because of the Lay Rally at the local high school, the evening service will begin at 7 o'clock, when Dr. Jordan preaches on "Can God Depend On Us?"

On Tuesday evening, following the preaching hour, the congregation was invited to remain for viewing of pictures which the Jordans took during summer travels in Southeast Asia and Russia. These pictures so vividly portrayed the seriousness of the threat of Communism to the world, and were a preview for Wednesday night's message when Dr. Jordan preached on "Christ, Communism, and The Clock."

In reviewing the week, Rev. James A. Auman, minister of the host chuch, has said that Dr. and Mrs. Jordan's contribution to the religious grower of our church and community has been outstanding, and a memorable week for Hertford Methodists.

Peirce Funeral Held Wednesday

George Luscomb Peirce, 68, died Monday morning in the Chowan Hospital following a short illness. A native of Onset, Massachusetts, he had lived in Hertford at 209 Perquimans Street for the past 18 months. Prior to his retirement, he worked in the Postal Department of the Malden, Mass., Bank and Trust Company. He was the husband of Mrs. Bertina Branscomb Peirce, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peirce and a member of the First Methodist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Malden.

Surviving besides his wife are one daughter, Mrs. Madeline Nixon of Hertford; one son, Tech. Sgt. John B. Peirce of Amarilla, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Josephine Daw of Albany, New York; one granddaughter, Miss Susan Nixon of Hertford.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

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

Pallbearers were Russell Baker, Joe Towe, Sr., Billy White, Archie T. Lane, Jr., Clinton Eley and Joe Nowell.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"World Day of Prayer" will be observed Friday night, February 17, at 7:30 o'clock in the Bethany Methodist Church with Piney Woods, Up River Friends and Whitevilla-Grove Baptist churches taking part. The public is invited to attend.

Defendant Fined For Violation Of Sewer Ordinance

The first case involving violation of the town's water and sewer ordinance was disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday morning when William Felton, Negro, charged by the District Health Department with violating the ordinance, entered a plea of guilty to the charge and he was ordered to pay the costs of court. A representative of the health department advised the court Felton had complied with the ordinance since being charged with its violation.

Other cases disposed of included those of James Davis, who paid a fine of $23 and Louis Scher, who paid a fine of $45 after each had submitted to charges of speeding.

Fines of $2 and costs were taxed against William Sawyer, Clinton Boone, Negro, Leroy Fagans, Negro, after each submitted to charges of being drunk.

Hiram Thatch, Negro, pleaded guilty to being drunk and he was dismissed after having served three days in jail.

Hubert Smith paid the court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of driving a truck which exceeded the height limit.

Lonnie Thatch, Jr., Negro, was found not guilty on a charge of simple assault.

Joe Hoggard pleaded guilty to a charge of issuing a worthless check. He was ordered to pay the court costs and the amount of the check or serve 30 days in jail.

William Downing, Negro, charged with driving drunk, failed to appear in court to answer to the charge and his bond was ordered forfeited.

Willie Lee Cole, Negro, failed to appear to answer to charges of reckless driving. He was ordered apprehended and held for a bond of $100.

Baptists Planning Brotherhood Meet

On Monday, February 20, at 7:30 P. M., thirty-five Baptist Brotherhoods will meet at the Hertford Baptist Church for instruction in Brotherhood organization and work, for inspiration and fellowship. Membership in these Brotherhoods is limited to the men of Baptist churches who are 17 years of age or older who express the desire to participate in the Baptist Brotherhood organization. The major purposes of this organization are: (1) to discover and to use profitably the talents of men in the church, and (2) to develop boys into Christian men.

Eddie Davenport, president of the Chowan Associational Baptist Brotherhood, will preside at this meeting which will consist of conferences for each officer of the local Brotherhood chapter and of an inspirational message by "Red" Wells, a layman from Virginia.

Lenten Schedule At Holy Trinity

With the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 15, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M., the Litany and Penitential Office at 10 A. M. and Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30 P. M. The early Communion will be celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30 A. M., but beginning the second week of Lent, there will be Bible study at the rectory on Wednesday nights and evening prayer and sermon on Thursday nights and evening prayer every Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The usual service of Holy Communion on Thursdays at 10 A. M. will continue and after the service there will be a half hour of mission study.

Central PTA To Meet On Monday

The PTA of Central Grammar School will hold its February meeting Monday night, February 20, in the auditorium of the school beginning at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

SCHOOL OF TOMORROW—The ultra-modern look in schoolrooms is demonstrated in Chicago by Joan Nelson. Classroom features television, streamlined lighting fixtures, carpeting and "tri-zoid" desks that can be folded out for increased work area.

Trophy Case Presented To High School At Memorial Services Held Last Friday

A memorial service and presentation of a trophy case honoring Julie Ann Lane and Joyce Faye Owens, popular young members of the 1960-61 senior class, was held Friday morning at Perquimans High School auditorium during the regular assembly hour.

The Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of Hertford First Methodist Church, conducted the service.

Ed Nixon, senior class president, presented the memorial and the acceptance was made by E. C. Woodard, school principal.

Bobby Overton sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Linda Bass, pianist, followed by the dedicatory prayer by the Rev. Mr. Auman.

The two girls died due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident last April after attending the 1960 junior-senior prom.

Julie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lane, was a member of the Letter Club, a cheer leader and a member of the Glee Club.

Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens, was a member of the Beta Club, secretary of the Student Council and a member of Girls State.

At the conclusion of the service the guests attending were invited to the Methodist parsonage for a coffee hour.

Funeral Services Conducted Monday For Mrs. Jim Bass

Graveside services for Mrs. Dorothy Hoffler Bass, 43, who died Saturday night in the Albemarle Hospital following an illness of six months, were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. Norman Harris, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

The casket pall was made of red roses, white mums, white stock and fern.

Pallbearers were Tommy Tilley, Buddy Tilley, Carl Sawyer, Jimmy Sawyer, William Elliott and Monroe Hoffler, Jr.

Mrs. Bass was a native of Gates County but had lived in Hertford most of her life, residing at 206 Hyland Park Drive. She was the wife of James S. Bass, daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Hoffler Crowder and the late William E. Hoffler, a member of the Hertford Baptist Church and a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving besides her husband and mother are two daughters, Miss Linda Bass and Miss Rachel Bass, both of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Tilley and Mrs. Tom Cox, both of Hertford, and Mrs. Casper Meekins of Elizabeth City; three brothers, Jack Hoffler of Florida, W. L. Hoffler of Richmond, Va., and Monroe Hoffler of New Jersey.

This Week's Headlines

Russia is using the death of Patrice Lumuma, former premier of the Congo, as a stepping stone to force the resignation of Dag Hammarskjold as Secretary General of the United Nations. Previous efforts on the part of the Soviets to dispose of the UN official failed but the new flareup in the Congo has resulted in new attacks on Hammarskjold.

World reports see the Congolese situation as a muddled-mess for which a solution is not likely to be found for years. Lack of organized political units in some areas in Africa results in chaos when these areas seek to become independent states with local government.

President Kennedy has announced he will prepose new programs to Congress for enactment of measures aimed to ease the economic situation in the U. S. Among programs mentioned are a tax incentive plan to spur industry toward improved production and a possible increase in the national wage law. The President has proposed the minimum wage be raised to $1.25 over a two-year period.

In Raleigh, Legislators are settling down to the job of considering programs of Governor Terry Sanford for increased aid to schools, redistricting of congressional areas and State senatorial districts. Budget items recommended by the State Budget Commission fell short of amounts sought by the Governor for schools and other projects but early reports indicate efforts will be made to have the General Assembly increase the appropriations for these programs.

Bloodmobile To Visit Here Soon

On Monday, February 27th, the bloodmobile will be at the First Methodist Church from 12:00 noon until 6:00 P. M. The quota for the county is 100 pints. Both white and colored citizens are urged to make plans to be at the blood center and to make contributions to this pogram which is of such vital importance to our community. Mark your calendars now and when you come bring a friend. You will be proud to wear the blood donor pin.

POST OFFICE HOLIDAY

The Hertford Post Office will observe a holiday next Wednesday, the date being George Washington's birthday. The stamp windows will be open from 10 to 11 A. M., and from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M., and mail will be received and dispatched on a holiday schedule.

Mrs. Monds Speaks At Meeting Of Hertford PTA

The Hertford Grammar School PTA held its February meeting last Thursday night in the cafeteria of the school with Mrs. R. L. Hollowell, president, presiding over the business session.

The Rev. James A. Auman opened the meeting with the devotional, using six verses of the 96th Psalm as a theme.

Mrs. Hollowell then read a tribute to the founders of the PTA in recognition of PTA Founders Day. Mrs. Marion Swindell read the minutes of the last meeting, and recommendations of the PTA executive board. Acting on these recommendations, the PTA voted to purchase $500 worth of playground equipment and to buy a duplicator for the school.

Reports made by committee chairmen included a finance statement by R. C. Elliott and treasurer's report by Mrs. Freeman Long. Mrs. Eldon Winslow reported the Hertford Grammar PTA had 100 percent membership and it was voted the unit will contribute $5.00 to the Better Schools Committee.

Mrs. Eugene Boyce, Hiram Weeks and Mrs. Archie Lane, Jr., were named as a nominating committee to recommend officers for the PTA for next year.

Mrs. R. S. Monds was the guest speaker for this meeting and she spoke on "PTA practices and policies". She told those present they were investing in a good cause when they belonged to PTA and pointed out some of the practices the PTA could follow to best help the children and the PTA; these include making parents and teachers partners, teachers should be professional, conferences should be held between parents and teachers and PTA members should participate in activities at the state and national level.

A coffee hour was enjoyed following adjournment of the meeting.

C of C Committee Requests Board To Expand Parking

The Transportation Committee of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Monday night requested the Hertford Town Board to consider expansion of parking facilities within the town limits and especially on the parking lot near the Municipal Building and at the rear of stores on Church Street.

This committee, headed by Max Campbell, adopted this project at a meeting recently, along with another recommendation that the Town Board consider making Grubb Street an alternate through truck route as a means to relieve part of the traffic through the business section of the town.

In making its request to the Town Board, the committee commended the board for its previous consideration of expended parking facilities but asked consideration be stepped up and the facilities made available as rapidly as possible.

The board agreed to proceed with the improved parking facilities and will consider the alternate truck route if this proposal meets with the approval of the State Highway Commission.

Winslow Named To Nine Committees

Senator J. Emmett Winslow has been appointed to serve on nine committees during the current session of the General Assembly, according to an announcement made by Lt. Gov. Cloyd Philpot.

Senator Winslow will be the chairman of the Retirement, Employment Security Committee; vice chairman of Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce and serve as member on Agriculture, Appropriations, Conservation and Development, Propositions and grievances, Public Roads, University Trustees and Wildlife.

Hertford Joins In Improvement Push For US 17 Highway

Ray S. Wilkinson, legislative chairman of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the headline speaker at a study course to be conducted at Central Grammar School next Thursday night, February 23, by the PTA's of Hertford and Central Grammar Schools.

Mr. Wilkinson is vice chairman of United Forces for Education and serves as member of the board of directors of the N. C. Citizens Committee for Better Schools. He attended schools in South Carolina, Iowa and Kentucky and now lives in Rocky Mount, where he is program manager of a radio station.

The Town of Hertford, through a resolution adopted last Monday night, has joined other communities and counties served by U. S. Highway 17 in petitioning the State Highway Commission to begin immediate study and plans for improvement of the highway to better serve this area by the increased traffic now anticipated from the construction of the bridge-tunnel across Chesapeake Bay at Norfolk.

Commissioners for the town first adopted a resolution commending Merrill Evans of Ahoskie on his appointment as chairman of the State Highway Commission, a copy of the resolution to be sent to Mr. Evans.

The action on the part of the town, seeking improvement of U. S. 17, is part of a gigantic effort by towns, cities and counties of Eastern North Carolina in which they desire the Highway Commission to reconsider present road projects in this area and adopt an over-all plan for development of U. S. 17 into a major throughway for north and south bound traffic expected to use the new facilities across the Chesapeake Bay.

Since the State of Virginia proceeded with this project and a target date for an official opening of the faiilities is scheduled for 1963, local government units, Chambers of Commerce and other interested organizations in North Carolina have been unifying efforts to secure action on the part of the N. C. Highway Commission to step up its plans for future development of this road.

The Transportation Committee of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce has gone on record as favoring immediate action toward this end by the roads commission and is prepared to work with other civic organizations throughout the eastern part of the state to achieve the goal which now has been adopted by areas from Virginia to South Carolina.

State Senators J. Emmett Winslow and Elton Aydlett have announced they intend to pursue every effort during the current session of the General Assembly to push this development and each has called upon the people of the area to generate all the enthusiasm possible toward this program which can and will mean future development for Northeastern North Carolina.

Baptist Church To Conduct School Of Missions Feb. 26th

The week of February 26-March 3 has been designated by 26 Baptist churches as a week in which these churches will emphasize missions—home and foreign—by studying books on missions and by listening to foreign and home missionaries on leave in each of the local churches each evening Monday through Friday, beginning at 7:30. The books to be taught by local church members and to be studied in the churches are: Adults—"The Dreamer Cometh" (the story of missionary Luther Rice) by William Carleton; young people—"His to Command" (the heritage of Baptists) by Harold Dye; intermediates—"No Greater Heritage" (the explanation of Baptist organization to promote missions) by A. B. Cothron; juniors — "Sawgrass Missionary" (the experiences of William Kind, missionary to the Seminole Indians of Florida) by Elizabeth Provence, and Primaries—"Blue Flower" (the story of Mrs. Pauline Cammack's mission work with the Tiwa Indians of New Mexico) by Jaqueline Durham.

These "schools of missions" in each of the various participating churches is the first cooperative effort of this nature to be held in the Albemarle area. This cooperative effort enables each of the churches to be host to only one missionary yet have the privilege of hearing at least six different missionaries (one each evening) in each of the participating churches.

The purposes of this week of emphasis on missions is twofold: (1) to acquaint the churches with the present advancements in missions on home and foreign soil and (2) to reveal the areas where missionary work needs to be strengthened.

The Hertford Baptist Church extends an invitation to friends and neighbors of other churches and those interested to enjoy the informing studies and the inspiring messages with us this week.

Store Installs Air Conditioner

Customers of Colonial Stores in Hertford will shop in greater comfort come next summer than in past years. The firm is installing a five ton air conditioning unit which will be placed in operation as weather conditons warrant.

Jaycees To Sponsor Entertainment At High School Tues.

Hertford Jaycees wish to announce that ORNOFF, the phenomenal Mentalist-hypnotist, has been secured for a one night engagement in Hertford Tuesday, February 21.

The Jaycees completed plans last week to bring to Hertford one of the most amazing productions of hypnosis it has ever been privileged to witness.

This is a scintillating, educational, informative and dramatic exposition of hypnosis by one of the world's most renowned hypnotists—ORNOFF. The evening performance will be prefaced the same afternoon by a free demonstration on Church Street in Hertford in which ORNOFF will drive an automobile blindfolded.

W. A. White, Jaycee president, announces that this is a performance that will keep you on the edge of your seat. You will see fascinating examples of autosuggestion, post hypnotic suggestion and age regression. White says he understands the show is a laugh riot filled with excitement and hilarity.

The show features a past master of the art of hypnosis—ORNOFF—who has demonstrated before TV audiences, theatre crowds and performed in supper clubs and hotels all over the world.

MASONS TO MEET

Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.