

Navy Seeking Bids On Work Contracts For Harvey Point

The Navy Department, showing sudden interest in the Harvey Point Navy Base following announcement several weeks ago that the government was considering establishment of a training program at the site, Monday requested bids for construction work at the base, costs of which are estimated between \$100,000 and \$250,000.

According to the report which was released at Norfolk, Va., the Fifth Naval District mailed out requests for bids to interested contractors indicating it sought bids on construction of various concrete, steel and wood buildings, in addition to clearing land and preparing building sites. It also has asked for extending utilities, road improvements, remodeling present buildings and related work.

Contractors were advised sealed bids for the work will be received until 2 P. M., June 27 at the District Headquarters in Norfolk.

The sprawling, 1,200-acre air station has been virtually abandoned since August 1959 when the Navy dropped its plans to build the P6M Seamaster seaplane. Harvey Point was to have been the Seamaster's operating base.

Details of the proposed construction were not disclosed. The 5th Naval District Public Works Office said it is awaiting word from Washington on the matter.

Congressman Herbert Bonner has been after the Navy to use the base. Bonner's district includes the Harvey Point facility.

About \$12 million in construction on the \$45-million base had been completed when the seaplane plans were scrapped.

The base has been on caretaker status since. Only a handful of Navy personnel is stationed at the base at the present time.

Change Made In Allotment Rules

Farmers who sell a portion of their farms for non-agricultural use can now keep their commodity allotments on the remaining land, according to A. Pierson Hassell, Jr., Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Administrative Officer. Hassell said that this was one of the first amendments of regulations issued by Horace D. Godfrey after assuming office as Administrator of Commodity Stabilization Service, an agency in the United States Department of Agriculture.

For many years prior to his appointment as Administrator, Godfrey was State Administrative Officer of the North Carolina Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Office. During this time he was required to enforce the regulations which provided that whenever a farmer sold any cropland his farm and allotments were divided proportionately. This was not only difficult to administer but it greatly impeded the industrial growth and development of towns and cities, particularly those in Eastern North Carolina due to farmers' reluctance to sell a portion of their farms which also resulted in loss of allotments.

Under the new regulations, land may be sold for non-agricultural use without loss of allotment provided the local ASC County Committee determines, on the basis of an agreement signed by all persons interested in the transfer, that the land transferred is in fact to be changed to non-agricultural use during the current or succeeding year. If the prescribed agreement between the buyer and seller is not obtained, or if the land being sold is not to be retired from agricultural production, the allotments will be divided accordingly.

Godfrey's quick action to change the regulations in this respect was welcome and looked upon favorably by farmers, business men and ASC officials alike. The action should speed up the retirement of cropland from agricultural production.

Driver Education Program Under Way

Twenty-four students at Perquimans High School are enrolled in the driver education program, being conducted this summer under the direction of Ike Perry, teacher.

Mr. Perry said book study is conducted nightly from 7 to 9 and driver operations are held five days each week. The students receive credit for the course upon completion of a passing grade.

This Week's Headlines

Barring unforeseen events, the 1961 Legislature will adjourn Saturday after having enacted most of Governor Sanford's program relating to school improvements. This program and redistricting congressional areas have been the major state accomplishments. New taxes voted by the Legislature will become effective July 1.

The U. S. Labor Department Wednesday announced employment and working hours mounted steadily during May in most industries, pointing up further recovery for the economic picture across the nation. Pickup in sales of automobiles and other hard goods has sparked the improved labor situation.

Washington reports state the national administration is gloomy over the outlook for improvement in world affairs following the Vienna meeting between President Kennedy and Khrushchev. The reports stated each stood firm on his position over Berlin, which is expected to develop into a problem late this fall.

Meanwhile in Geneva talks on Laos have resumed but there appears little hope agreement for peace in the small nation will develop since Communists continue fighting there, despite the reported agreement between the President and Russian Premier for a settlement of this little war.

The FBI announced Wednesday it had arrested a U. S. State Department employee on charges of spying. The man, Irvin Scarbeck, it is alleged, gave top secret documents to a lady friend in the Polish embassy during time he was stationed in Warsaw.

Frank Ainsley Wins Scholarship

Frank Ainsley, who has just finished his junior year at Perquimans High School, has been awarded a scholarship from the National Science Foundation to participate in a six weeks research program in chemistry and mathematics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

He is a straight A student. The summer science institute is for high ability secondary school students and is based on academic record, ambition, interests and character.

Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ainsley of Hertford. He left Sunday for Chapel Hill to begin his course there.

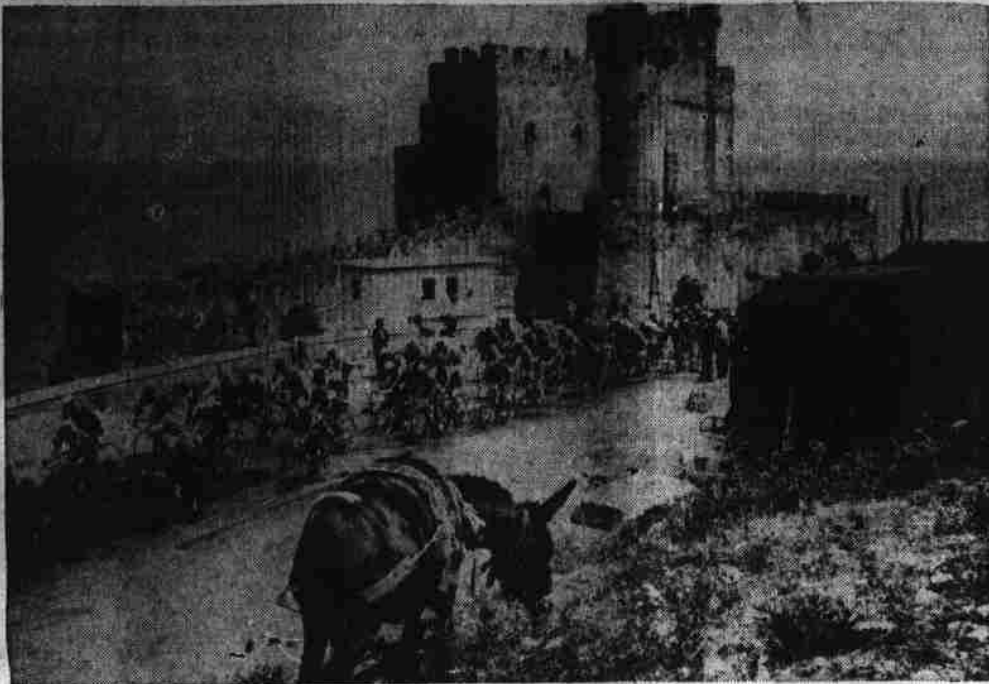
Local Beagle Club Holds Fun Trials

The Albemarle Beagle Club held its second "fun trial" on the farm of Charles White, Sr.

Of the 23 dogs entered, the following were declared winners:

The winner of the 13-inch hounds was Holly Run Red owned by T. R. Lane.

The winners of the 15-inch hounds was declared a tie between Pine Tree Jack owned by Jack Phillips and Insigne's Perquimans Shanty owned by R. R. Lane.



PEDAL PUSHING THROUGH TIME—Hard-riding cyclists on the "Tour of Italy" bike race classic fail to distract a mule grazing on the slope near an ancient Norman castle. This scene is at Cosenza, at the "toe" of the Italian "boot."

Census Reports Pickup In Trend To Big Farming

The trend toward big farming in the United States, accompanied by a growing concentration of agricultural production and marketing of farm products, has picked up momentum since the middle Fifties, according to preliminary findings made public from the 1959 Census of Agriculture.

Some of the highlights in a recent summary of the U. S. Bureau of the Census are:

The number of farms dropped by more than a million or over a fifth since 1954, and by close to 1% million or nearly a third for the 1950-59 period as a whole, with the predominant part of the decline occurring in the small farm.

Average Size, a Record
The average size of farms in the United States is now more than 300 acres as against 242 acres in 1954 and 215 acres in 1950. The 1954-59 rise in this respect was the biggest on record, and reflected the accelerated trend toward farm enlargement in an era of increasing mechanization of farm production.

The average value of land and buildings per farm exceeded \$23,000 in 1959, over three-fifths greater than in 1954 and close to 2½ times the 1950 figure. The number of farms with sales of \$10,000 or more of agricultural products annually increased by more than a third since 1954 while there was a general decline elsewhere, particularly in farms with sales of under \$4,000 a year.

In keeping with this trend, an increasing proportion of farm operators have been supplementing their income with off-farm work, the ratio reaching 45 out of every 100 farm operators in 1959. In fact, the Census Bureau stated that 36 out of every 100 farm operators reported that the income they and their families received from other sources in 1959 exceeded the value of all farm products sold during the year. The comparable proportions were 30 out of every 100 farm operators in 1954 and 29 out of 100 in 1950.

Rise in Federal Aid
While farms were getting fewer and bigger and production surpluses of principal agricultural commodities were increasing, Federal expenditures under agricultural programs were showing a big increase, rising from \$2½ billions in the 1950 fiscal year to a record \$6½ billions in the 1959 fiscal year. Reflecting the declining number of farms, Government agricultural outlays were the equivalent of around \$1,750 per farm in 1959, more than three times the comparable figure in both 1954 and 1950.

A breakdown of the figures on the number of farms shows that over half the decline between 1954 and 1959 came in farms under 50 acres, and that an additional fifth of the drop was in the 50-99 acre classification. Part of this decline was due to a change in the definition of a farm since the previous Census. The only groups of farms to show gains in the period were those above 500 acres in size and as a result they represented about one out of every 11 farms in 1959 as against one out of 15 in 1954 and around one out of 18 in 1950.

Hertford ABC Bill Enacted Into Law By Legislature

A bill granting the Town of Hertford authority to hold an ABC election was enacted into law by the Legislature Friday of last week following a public hearing conducted by the Proposition and Grievances Committee the previous day.

Getting a unanimous approval by the House committee, the bill was ratified Friday after having been passed the full House and Senate.

About 40 persons from Hertford and Perquimans County attended the public hearing conducted Thursday. Opponents of the bill, headed by the Rev. James A. Auman, told the committee they were of the opinion if such an election is held it should be on a county wide basis not just by the voters of Hertford.

Proponents for the bill were town officials who pointed out the Board of Commissioners for the town had requested the bill.

Feed Grain Cooperators Are Cautioned About 'Replanting'

Growers who are participating in the 1961 feed grain program should be careful about replanting "hauled-out" cropland to either grain sorghum or corn, George Bellmon, manager of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, points out.

The chairman cautioned feed grain cooperators that they have a "permitted acreage" for corn and grain sorghum on their farm, and any plantings in excess of this permitted acreage would result in noncompliance with the feed grain program.

Under the 1961 feed grain program, Bellmon explained, the producer of corn and grain sorghum earns a special diversion payment by reducing his base acreage of these crops by at least 20 percent from the farm's base acreage and diverting the acreage to a conservation use. This means that the farmer must increase the acreage on the farm which he normally has in a conservation use by the same number of acres that he reduces his corn and grain sorghum acreage. The base acreage of corn and grain sorghum less the diverted acreage is the farm's "permitted acreage".

If the planting of grain sorghum or corn on land where the original crop was destroyed, as by a hailstorm, increases the farm's total acreage of corn and grain sorghum, to more than the permitted acreage, the farmer would not be in compliance with the feed grain program.

Corn and grain sorghum producers will not be eligible for price support on any of their 1961-crop feed grains unless they participate in the 1961 feed grain program.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet Dunch of Suffolk, Va., announce the birth of a daughter on Thursday, June 8, at Louise Obici Hospital. Mrs. Dunch is the former Miss Barbara Lane of Hertford.

Final Honor Roll Announced For Perquimans High

A list of students at Perquimans High School achieving honor roll status for the sixth grading period was released this week by the school principal, E. C. Woodard.

Honor students included: Eighth Grade: Lot Winslow, Margaret Ainsley, Phyllis Nixon, Betty Smith.

Ninth Grade: Freddie Combs, Price Monds, John Stallings, Reggie Baker, Wayne Chappell, Jerry Monds, Sydney Ann Blanchard, Susan Cox, Faye Long, Nancy Bateman, Irma Bundy, Gloria Miller, Lydia Riddick.

Tenth Grade: Richard Auman, Vick Roach, Judie Baker, Eugenia Long, Verna Perry, Mary Frances White, Jimmy Bonner, Betsy Barbee, Becky Felton, Mary Ella Nixon, Dianne Sawyer, Janice Stanton, Susan Broughton, Joyce Proctor, Kathleen Story, Billy Winslow, Wayne Winslow.

Eleventh Grade: Frankie Hurdle, Frank Ainsley, Alton Daniels, Wade Morgan, Linda Chappell, Pete Cook, Brenda Smith, Linda Rountree.

Twelfth Grade: Hubert Burden, Carlyle Woodard, Linda Bass, Phyllis Hendren, Carroll McDonnell, Mary Phibbs, Eva Ann Smith, Ann Benton, Katherine Bonner, Delle Rae Copeland, Jean Copeland, Dianne Hollowell, Faye Wood.

Special Services Planned At Bagley Swamp Church



There will be a service Sunday morning in honor of fathers. Gifts will be given to the oldest and youngest father present.

Sunday night the young people and children will give an exhibit and a resume of the Vacation Bible School which closes the 16th. This service will begin at 7:30 P. M.

Dr. Lela G. McConnell, founder and president of Mt. Carmel High School, Lawson, Kentucky, will be speaking at the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church on Monday night, June 19, at 7:30 P. M. She will be accompanied by Miss Elma Reed, music supervisor of the school, and the high school boys' quartet, who will present special music for the evening.

Miss McConnell, a minister of the Methodist Church, entered the Kentucky mountains thirty-seven years ago, and with one or two others began the ministry that today includes an elementary school, Mt. Carmel High School, with about 165 students and the Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute, with about 100 students. They have their own 100-watt radio station and numerous pastorate scattered through the mountains, besides a number of missionaries on foreign fields.

The pastor of the Pilgrim Church, the Rev. A. E. Barefoot, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

CAMP REOPENED

The Woodville Prison Camp, closed last February, has been reopened temporarily to house 104 prisoners normally assigned to Currituck Camp at Maple. Capt. C. L. Sparkman is the new camp superintendent, who stated the facility is employing 15 persons mostly from the area.

Town Board Calls ABC Election For Tuesday, August 8

Firemen Supper Thursday Night

Members of the Hertford Fire Department held a barbecue chicken supper at the Fire House Thursday night of this week prior to engaging in practice drills.

Members of the Town Board were special guests at the supper.

Youths Sentenced For Pilfering And Trespassing

Two youths, Nathan Pipkin of Camden County, and James Jones of Elizabeth City, were given 12 months sentences in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday after each had entered pleas of guilty to charges of trespassing, destruction of property, attempted larceny and larceny.

Judge Chas. E. Johnson suspended the sentence of Pipkin upon condition he be placed on probation for a period of two years. Jones was ordered to serve his sentence, concurrently, with a suspended sentence he faces on similar charges in another court.

George Matthews, charged with driving without a license, submitted and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Jerry Wayne and Willie Fletcher each paid a fine of \$2 and costs after submitting to charges of being drunk.

James Ausley and John Wickler, both Negroes, submitted to charges of engaging in an affray and each paid the court costs.

A nol pro's was taken in the case in which Ashley Fleetwood was charged with being drunk.

Submitting to charges of speeding, the following defendants paid fines as indicated: William Spence, costs; John King, \$22; Herbert Hudler, \$22; Euvah Kriehauser, \$21; David Hoover, \$23; John Nixon, Negro, \$25.

Summer Classes Open Next Monday

Summer school will open at Perquimans High School on Monday, June 19, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard, principal, who stated classes will be offered in Remedial English Grammar for those whose grades were between 60 and 70, and U. S. and World History. The latter class will be directed by Mrs. Helen Woodard.

The summer classes, Mr. Woodard said, will be scheduled from 8:30 to 11:30 daily. Pupils must be present every day unless detained by sickness. Those not present will be dropped from the roll with no refund of fees. The summer schedule will close on July 27.

No Progress On New Industries

Allan W. Mills, manager of the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, reported this week the chamber is still negotiating with officials of two industries which had shown some interest in locating here.

Mr. Mills said the paint factory owner, pending further developments relative to financing the proposition, is planning to store his machinery in Hertford with hopes that arrangements can be completed to set up the operation.

Chamber officials, Mills said, are continuing conferences with the owner of the veneer factory with hopes this industry can be secured for the county.

MASONS TO MEET

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

Hertford's Town Board, meeting here in regular session on Monday night, set Tuesday, August 8, as the date for holding a special election to determine whether or not an ABC store is to be established in Hertford.

The board acted under authority granted it by a bill which passed in the Legislature Friday of last week setting forth the particulars for calling such an election. Public notice of the special election must be given for a period of 30 days and registration books will be open for this election on Saturday, July 15 and remain open until July 29; Saturday, August 5, will be challenge day and the election the following Tuesday.

Other matters handled during the board meeting included a rejection of a request presented by the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation for cancellation of a contract entered into between the Town and REA about seven years ago regarding service to electric customers. The board discussed ways and means for taking action to force property owners to clean up and repair dilapidated houses, but action was tabled pending further investigation of the authority of the board.

Mayor V. N. Darden advised the board arrangements had been completed whereby the town will remove old piling along the Perquimans River bank as a project to beautify the river front.

He also announced a no trespassing sign will be erected on the pier at the foot of Grubb Street advising the public the pier is condemned and unsafe for use.

7871 County Acres In Feed Grain Bank

The signup of farmers in the 1961 Feed Grain Program went "over the top" in North Carolina and in the nation, according to an announcement by the Perquimans County ASC office. The goal which was set at the beginning of the signup by the Secretary of Agriculture was to adjust production of feed grains by converting twenty per cent of the acreage into soil conserving practices. 529 Perquimans County farmers signed to divert 7,871 acres from feed grain production in 1961 and for retiring these acres they will be paid approximately \$336,000, of which 152,000 have been paid. The balance will be paid as soon as farm compliance has been checked. It is expected that the first final payments will be made about July 1st.

May Police Report Given To Board

A total of 18 arrests were made during the month of May, according to Police Captain B. L. Gibbs in his monthly report to the Town Board. Arrests listed were 8 drunks, 2 disorderly conduct, one speeder, four assaults, three miscellaneous traffic violations. Seventeen of the defendants were found guilty in court and one defendant was found not guilty.

The police answered 75 calls, extended 77 courtesies, found 11 doors unlocked, 5 lights out and answered two fire calls. The police car traveled 2,271 miles, using a total of 220 gallons of gasoline.

Jaycees Present Teenager Award

The annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Teenager of the Year Award was presented this year to Miss Linda Earle Bass, 17, daughter of J. S. Bass, and the late Mrs. Bass of Hertford.

The award, given for outstanding achievement was presented during the Perquimans High School commencement exercises by the Jaycee past president, W. A. White.

Miss Bass is a 1961 graduate of Perquimans High School and was Valedictorian of her class.