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Perquimans County Commissioners Adopt Appraisal Value

Perquimans County Commissioners meeting here last Monday in their March session with R. L. Spivey, chairman presiding with commissioners, W. W. Bundy, Riley S. Monds, Jr., Thomas D. Nixon, and Ellis Winslow adopted a resolution for the year 1968, that all real and personal property be the same as assessed at 50 percent of the appraised value, and the 50 per cent appraised value be the value used for taxing property.

Rev. Edwin T. Williams, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, was appointed Director for Perquimans County, to serve on the Board of Directors for the Five County Alcoholism and Mental Health Authority.

County Accountant D. F. Reed, Jr., was authorized to invest each of the balances of any county funds which in his discretion will not be needed for county operations during the periods for which such investments are made. In carrying out this responsibility, Reed shall determine the amount of money of each fund to be invested, the period or periods of time in which such amount shall remain invested, and the type of investment in which such amount is to be invested. In determining the amount of funds to be invested the County Accountant shall exercise care to assure that such funds are not then needed to meet county expenditures either already made or to be made.

County Accountant Reed, shall be the custodian of the evidences of investment of all investments made and it shall be his duty to keep the same safely as long as all or any part of the money remains invested. He is required to report the status of all invested funds to the board of county commissioners at its regular meetings or at such other times as the board may provide.

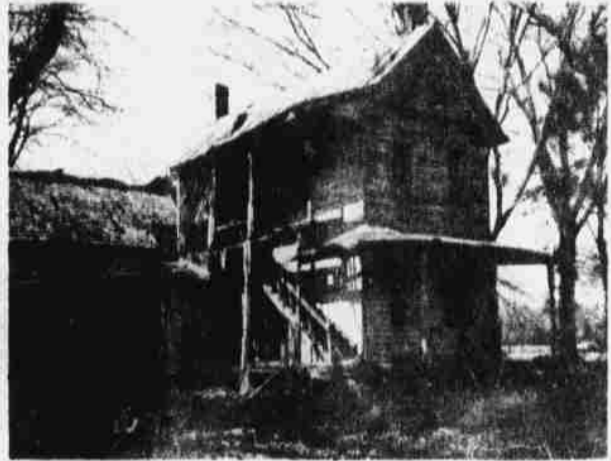
Reports were made from the Agriculture Extension Service and Welfare Departments.

Fire Destroys Old Buzzard Folk Schoolhouse

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the old one room schoolhouse at Buzzards Fork here last Thursday night, and a fire at the old dilapidated Ben Berry home was extinguished before it burned. The two buildings are not more than a thousand feet apart and are located on the Buzzard Fork road in Perquimans County.

The old one room schoolhouse one of the few of its kind still standing in the county, once served this area of the county and was heated with the familiar old pot-bellied stove. There are a few of the old-timers now living in this county who attended this school. At the time this school was in use, there was a lot of learning. The few remaining students still living in this county will be saddened to see the fate of their once source of learning.

The Ben Berry home, was not damaged by the fire that was evidently set in brush near the rear of the home. Tho, it is in a dilapidated condition, it is another old home of the county, and you hate to see anything destroyed in this manner, if it wasn't an accident... and it's hard to believe that fire from the little burning school would have leaped a thousand feet to this house.



Bloodmobile To Visit Perquimans Apr. 1st

Mrs. Julian (Jean P.) Winslow, announced today the Bloodmobile will visit Perquimans County in a regular visit on Monday, April 1st, and will be at the usual location the First Methodist Church in Hertford. The hours have been changed in the visit, instead of 10:00 o'clock until 6 p.m., the new hours are from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The following changes have been made in Blood Donor requirements: Donors are eligible through age 61 now, with the minimum age still 18 without permission from parent or unless married or in the armed forces.

Mothers must have had last baby only six months from time of blood donation instead of the previously required 12 months.

Mrs. Winslow stated we need blood badly this time to fill our county requirements. We have a boy in college from the county who is to undergo heart surgery in June. Many units of blood are required, and must be available at the time of the operation. Any persons caring to donate at this time (name of patient available on request) will be most welcomed. If these units are donated at the April 1st visit, they will count toward his requirements, and thus help his family in their quest for the 15 units necessary.

Perquimans County Unit Of ACS Meets

The Perquimans County Unit of the American Cancer Society met Monday night at the REA Building with Richard Morgan, president, presiding.

Mrs. Joe Meads, Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Ann Steliga gave the treasurer's report. The president called for reports from the various committee chairmen. At the conclusion of the business session, Dr. Robert Poston, Program Chairman, presented a very informative and interesting film strip on "Lung Cancer."

Following the film, a question and answer period was held and plans were discussed for helping the teenagers at the local schools to be aware of the dangers of smoking.

Dr. Poston said that "education" is the best answer to the problem of combating cancer.

1,210 In Perquimans Get USDA Food Aid

U.S. Department of Agriculture food programs aided 173,958 needy North Carolinians during December. Commodity Distribution Division here gave out the USDA food to 1,210 persons in the program during January.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said that 139,344 persons in 64 counties took part in its commodity distribution program and that 34,614 persons in 21 counties took part in its food stamp program.

Officials of C & M's consumer food programs office at Atlanta attributed January's increased participation to the entrance of Anson and Warren counties into the commodity distribution program and a general decline in agricultural employment. In North Carolina, the commodity distribution program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the food stamp program is administered by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Consumer and Marketing Service.

1968 Perquimans High Baseball Opens Mar. 19

The 1968 Baseball Season at Perquimans High School will open Tuesday March 19, with the Perquimans Indians traveling to Edenton for an encounter with the Edenton High Aces. The game will begin at 4 o'clock.

The Indians first home game will be with Gates Thursday, March 21 at Perquimans High's Memorial Field at 5:30 p.m.

The schedule for the season follows: Tuesday, March 26, Perquimans Indians vs. Edenton Aces at Edenton; Friday, March 29, Pasquotank vs. Perquimans Indians, Elizabeth City; Indians vs. Ahoskie, at Ahoskie Tuesday April 2; Indians vs. Plymouth, Memorial Field Perquimans; Tuesday, April 19, Northampton vs. Perquimans Indians, Memorial Field; Tuesday, April 23, Williamston vs. Indians, Memorial Field; Friday, April 26, Pasquotank Central vs. Indians, Memorial Field; Friday, April 26, Scotland Neck away; Friday, May 3, the Indians will play Plymouth at Plymouth; Tuesday, May 7, Indians vs. Gates, away.

The 1968 Albemarle Conference Baseball Schedule for Perquimans is: Friday, March 22 with Gates, on Memorial Field, Tuesday, March 26, Perquimans vs. Edenton; Friday, March 29, Perquimans vs. Pasquotank Central, Memorial Field; Tuesday, April 2nd game not scheduled; Friday, April 5, Indians vs. Plymouth, Memorial

Field; Tuesday April 9, Indians vs. Northampton, Memorial Field; Tuesday April 16, Perquimans vs. Hertie; Friday April 19, Ahoskie vs. Indians, Memorial Field; Tuesday, April 23, Williamston vs. Perquimans, Memorial Field;

Friday, April 26, Perquimans vs. Scotland Neck, Memorial Field; Tuesday April 30, Edenton vs. Perquimans, Memorial Field; Friday May 3, Perquimans vs. Plymouth, Memorial Field; Tuesday May 7, Perquimans vs. Gates, Memorial field.

G. Bruce Newby, Naval Architect Remembered

Perquimans County, to be a small county, has produced a large number of citizens who have contributed to the growth and building of the world future. In recalling natives who grew up in Hertford and Perquimans County who have made their contributions, we remember G. Bruce Newby a native of Perquimans County who died last year.

Mr. Newby, a prominent naval architect and Long Beach, California shipbuilder for many years, retired and came back to his own native soil for his last years. He died in Elizabeth

George Wood, J.J. Harrington To Seek Senate Seats Again

Both incumbent first district state senators announced today that they will seek re-election. George M. Wood of Camden will be a candidate for seat number one. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston will seek seat number two in the 10-county district which spans the Chowan River.

Harrington was elected to the senate in 1962. Wood represented Camden in the House in the 1963 and 1965 General Assembly sessions. They won election in the four-man first primary senate race two years ago against State Sen. J. Emmett Landing and former Pasquotank Rep. C. D. (Kippy) Ferrell.

"I feel that my legislative experience, along with my background in agriculture and business, qualify me to represent effectively the wide diversity of interests and enterprises of our people throughout this district," Wood said in a prepared statement.

The district includes Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Washington Counties.

Wood, 41, is a farmer and grain dealer in Camden and Elizabeth City. He is vice president of F. P. Wood & Son, A past-president of the N. C. State University Alumni Assn., he gained his greatest legislative fame through his successful fight through two Assemblies to get the Institution named a university without losing its identity to UNC. As a freshman legislator he sponsored the bill which liberalized the requirements for chauffeurs' licenses from 20,000 to 25,000 pound trucks. As a senator, he was chairman of the committee on state government and vice-chairman of the C&T committee.

A native of Camden and an Elizabeth City High School graduate, he is married to the former Wilfred Jones. They have five children. Wood is an active Presbyterian, was named Outstanding Young Farmer here in 1961 and received the N.C. State Alumni's Meritorious Service Award in 1967. He was an ensign in the U.S. Merchant Marine in World War II.



SEN. J. J. HARRINGTON



SEN. GEORGE WOOD

He is a UNC trustee, a Chowan College advisory board member, a director of the National Grain and Feed Dealers Assn., past-president of the Virginia-Carolina Grain and Feed Dealers Assn., past-president of the Camden Lions Club, a Mason and Shriner.

Harrington, 49, is president of Harrington Manufacturing Co., Inc. which manufactures farm machinery and various other heavy equipment for highways, railroads and logging operations.

He was chairman of the Senate Roads Committee in 1967 and of the Labor and Commerce Committee in 1965. He served on the senate-house appropriations

subcommittee in both sessions. He is currently a member of the Local Government Commission and has served on the Court Reform Commission since its inception. It drafted all legislation which implemented the state's court reform program.

A native of Bertie, Harrington is a Baptist, a Mason and Shriner. He is married to the former Lettie Leigh Early and they have three children. Harrington served in the Army in World War II as a technical sergeant.

An aviation enthusiast, he owns his own plane, is a member of the Tri-County Airport Authority and of the N.C. Aero Club.

Perquimans Winners In Museum Contest

Over 90 entries came in for the 7th grade contest the Museum of the Albemarle held. This was about twice as many entries as the one held last year.

The judges were Mrs. Jo Phillips, educational curator of the N. C. Department of Archives and History; Jesse F. Pugh, local historian and author of "The Hotel in the Great Dismal Swamp" and "Three Hundred Years Along the Pasquotank", and Miss Thelma Elliott of Hertford, principal of the grammar school there for 18 years and state PTA officer. They deliberated on the winners for more than four hours.

The winners: Poster category: 1st, Linda Richards - "Early Automobile" from Elizabeth City High; 2nd, King Street Elementary Class - "Horse - drawn Railroad" by class; 3rd, Yvonne Mathis - "Nasuton" from Elizabeth City High; 3rd, Janet Bunch and Cindy Cox - "Old and New Methods of Transportation in Perquimans County", from Hertford Grammar.

Model Category: 1st Frances White - "Marketing Tobacco" from Hertford Grammar; 2nd, David Franks, Gary Sawyer, Mark McDaniels - "Wright Brothers Plane" from Pasquotank Central School; 3rd, Clay Litchfield - "East Indian" (ship) from Pasquotank Central; 3rd, Bill Newbern - "The Clermont" from Perq. Central; Land Travel: 1st, Ralph Trafton - "Transportation in 1775" from King St. Elementary; 2nd, Katherine Lee - covered wagon model from Pasquotank Central.

Miscellaneous: 1st, James R. Tally, Clarence Skinner, Earl White, William Bowser and Nathan Felton - plaques on transportation from King Street Elementary; 2nd, Juanita Turner - "Plank Road" (fingerpainting) Perq. County Union.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

The Town of Hertford is justifiably proud of its Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has done so much to promote and protect business and to develop civic programs designed to make our city a better place in which to work and live.

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce has not limited itself to business programs. Those who make up its membership have been in the forefront of every worthwhile civic project undertaken in our community.

Our Chamber of Commerce has consistently presented the business point of view on public questions at all levels of government. Those of us in government matter have benefited by the counsel of the Chamber when matters of common interest have

been under discussion. Our Chamber has been a strong defender of the free enterprise system which encourages individual initiative and develops leadership that makes it possible to secure maximum benefits for all its citizens.

In appreciation of the contributions made by the Chamber of Commerce to our civic, cultural, economic, and educational progress, I, Emmett E. Landing, Sr., Mayor of Hertford, do hereby proclaim the week of March 24-30, 1968, as Chamber of Commerce Week in Hertford. And in issuing this proclamation - call upon all of its citizens, its organizations, and schools to recognize this special week and to join in its observance.

March 11, 1968, Mayor Emmett E. Landing, Sr.



Mayor Emmett Landing is shown presenting proclamation to W. D. (Bill) Cox, Vice President of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Patrolman Y. Z. Newberry Speaker at Ruritan Meet

State Highway Patrolman Y. Z. Newberry was speaker at a meeting of the Parkville Ruritan Club recently. Officer Newberry told the Ruritans that the only way to curb speeders and those who drive under the influence is to treat them as the dangerous people they are. We must make every effort to remove from our highways the dangerous, unconcerned motorist who threatens not only his own life, but also the innocent and law-abiding citizens.

There were six people killed in Perquimans County in 1967, 36 killed in this area (which includes six counties). Property damage for Perquimans County in 1966 was \$53,995.00, in 1967 it was \$68,870.00, an increase of \$14,875.00.

In speaking of the persons killed and dates Tommy Wilder, 16, was killed on April 1, 1967. On April 14, 1967 Shelia Marie Kennington 20 of Hobbsville was killed and others injured. Why? The young girl that was driving the School Bus was charged with Falling to Yield the Right-of-Way, but others said the car was going to fast to stop... will we ever know? On July 9, 1967 Charlie E. Lane, 57, was killed... On September 26, 1967 Adrian Leo Edwards, 39 of Virginia, was killed others injured. Two vehicles were completely totaled... Why? Left of center line approximately 6 ft. when he hit the other vehicle. There were 13 empty beer cans in the floor of his car and about 1 oz. of liquor in a pint bottle. I think alcohol played the important role in this death.

Willful traffic lawbreakers will not vanish from our highways overnight officer Newberry continued. The highway patrols believes, however, that the frequency of speeding and the death and injuries which accompany it will be reduced in the months ahead.

The Highway Patrol is now operating under a new policy to apprehend those who willfully violate our traffic laws. As we seek to carry out our mission, we shall focus our attention primarily on the speeding driver and the drinking driver. The

reason for this is clear: Speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol are the most dangerous violations of all. Drinking is present in more than half of all fatal accidents, and excess speed is involved in nearly two out of five fatal accidents.

Be careful the next time you get behind the wheel of your car. You may not drink or speed, but at the present time there is 250,000 licensed drivers who are considered "Problem Drivers". They are the young, the irresponsible, the uneducated, the Alcoholic, the Drug Addict, the Emotionally Disturbed and Mentally Ill. You might meet one of these people on the road. They only represent 10% of all drivers in North Carolina 2-1/2 million, but are responsible for more than 50% of deaths and injuries.

In Sept, 1966, the Highway Patrol launched a major offensive against speeding and drinking under the influence. When that first offensive began, all Highway Patrol personnel were given intensive training in identifying and processing drinking drivers. In addition, 113 selected Patrol personnel each received 66 hours of specialized training in all phases of chemical testing and were certified as "Breathalyzer" technicians by the State Board of Health.

To enforce the laws against speeding on our highways, the patrol is being equipped with 100 speed timing devices which represent the most advanced technology in traffic monitoring equipment. These units are called VASCAR - short for "visual average speed computer and recorder". They enable a trooper to accurately determine the speed of virtually any vehicle within his vision. Not being trained, I am not qualified to go to deeply in this - but we feel that each and every motorist should become familiar with VASCAR. It is a self-contained unit about the size of a cigar box, the equipment enables a trooper to accurately clock the speed of vehicles as they meet him on the highway - while following them.

Watermelons In March???



How about that delicious looking watermelon Matthew Smith is holding, and look at all those beautiful surrounding him, in a field at the farm of R. A. White which is located over the Skinner's Creek bridge. Watermelons in March here in Perquimans, hardly! This is a picture taken last year when Mr. Smith was in the process

of harvesting his watermelons for market. We've sampled these watermelons that Mr. Smith grows, and we can tell you "They are gooooooood". Thought we'd tell you about them now, so when harvest time arrives you too can eat some of these watermelons. Cause they are fast sellers.