

Commissioners Proceedings

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Perquimans, North Carolina, held on the First Monday in January, January 6, 1969, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., in the Courthouse in Hertford, Perquimans County, N. C.

Present R. L. Spivey, chairman presiding with commissioners Riley S. Monds, Jr., Thomas D. Nixon, Lester H. Simpson and Ellis Winslow.

All commissioners were present.

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

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board authorized the expenditure of \$60.00 per month for outdoor advertising.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board authorized the 1968 tax list for Quinton R. Hurdle to be corrected and refund overpayment of 1968 taxes.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to buy 6.9 acres land from Charles M. Harrell, Jr., at a purchase price of \$15,000.00.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board authorized a refund to Daly N. Rountree, in the amount of \$2.00 for dog listed by error.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved a petition requesting the North Carolina State Highway Commission, to improve and hard surface S. R. #1206 (known locally as Whitehouse Road) in Selvidere Township.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the following bills: Hoopes Bros., \$4.12; Sinclair Refining Company, \$370.00; Reed Oil Company, \$17.93; Case Blue Print

& Supply Co., Inc., \$2.16; Gregory's 5-10-25¢ Store, \$9.56; W. M. Morgan Furniture Company, \$1.42; Hertford Hardware & Supply Co., Inc., \$1.80; Hertford Motor Company, Inc., \$15.97; Howell Chevrolet Co., Inc., \$9.74; The Perquimans Weekly, \$66.53; Hertford Cafe, \$212.18; Julian H. Broughton, \$18.10; State Association of County Accountants, \$5.00; Robertson's Cleaners & Laundry, Inc., \$6.48.

Pitt Hardware Company, \$8.03; Daly N. Rountree, \$2.00; Eastern Office Equipment Co., \$21.07; Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium, \$40.90; Albemarle Hospital, Inc., \$100.00; Dr. T. P. Brinn, \$58.00; Harmon's Pharmacy, \$5.96; Jackson Wholesale Co., Inc., \$20.35; Economy Typewriter Co., Inc., \$11.17; Ida Baum, \$100.00; Perquimans County Rescue Squad, \$70.00; North Carolina Conference for Social Service, \$15.00; Carolina Police Supply, \$5.50; Jordan Company, \$88.88; One Stop Service Station, \$188.36; Gatling & Gatling, \$24.73; R. O. Givens, \$60.00.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

Julian C. Powell
Clerk to Board
R. L. Spivey
Chairman

Chappell Leaves For Vietnam

Sp. 5 Elton B. Chappell, is spending a forty five day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lassell Chappell of Tyner before leaving on January 21st, for second tour of duty in Vietnam.

Washington Report

By Congressman Walter B. Jones

Now that the 91st Congress has convened, we are happy to resume our weekly Washington Report through the medium of the press of the First District. On Friday, January 3, the 91st Congress convened and the first day was involved with a four-hour debate over the question of seating Adam Clayton Powell of the City of New York. In an historic action, the House finally decided to seat Congressman Powell upon the condition that he pay a fine of \$25,000, and re-enter minus certain privileges. It is difficult for me to reconcile my thinking to this action. Basically I do not think the Congress has the right to impose financial conditions upon any Member being seated. Either Powell should have been seated or he should not have been seated. The valid reasons for his exclusion in the 90th Congress still exist, and I find nothing has happened in the two years in the way of restitution, apology or correction. Along with the other North Carolina Members of Congress, I voted against the motion to seat Congressman Powell. In any event, he was finally given the oath of office at about 6:45 p.m. and 20 minutes later a roll call was held, and Congressman Powell was absent.

On Monday, January 6, the question of interest to many North Carolinians was the electoral vote of Dr. Bailey of Rocky Mount who had cast his vote for Governor Wallace even though he was a Republican elector. Senator Muskie and Congressman O'Hara saw fit to challenge this vote as being invalid. The question before the Congress was whether the Congress under the Constitution had the right to challenge any electoral vote. The North Carolina delegation including myself, took the position that Dr. Bailey had violated no election law of the State of North Carolina and that the returns of the electoral votes had been certified as being in order by the proper officials of the State of North Carolina. The motion to discount Dr. Bailey's vote was defeated and the North Carolina returns prevailed. Although I vigorously opposed the action to challenge the North Carolina electoral vote, I will agree with others who insist that we have outgrown our Electoral College system of electing Presidents, for we are using the machinery of the 18th Century here in the 20th Century. I am convinced that legislation should be devised which will permit more direct participation of the voters in the naming of the Presidential nominees as well as in the election of the President itself.

Of some interest to our District is that I, along with 14 other Members of Congress, introduced a potato referendum bill which will permit the potato producers of this Nation to be given an opportunity in an election to vote upon themselves a 1¢ per hundred weight assessment with the proceeds going towards the research and promotion of potato and potato products. It is estimated that in a year of normal production, this 1¢ assessment will raise some \$2 million.

Much of the time since convening on January 3 has been consumed with House Members seeking to be elected to different Committees, ones with more prestige or on Committees of particular interest to their own Districts.

Thursday, January 9, we had the pleasure of meeting and hearing the Apollo 8 Astronauts, Borman, Lovell and Anders. Colonel Borman served as spokesman before the joint session of the House and Senate as well as the members of the Cabinet and Supreme Court and everyone was impressed with his sincerity and his humble pride in being an American citizen. Equally impressed were the Members of Congress with the clean-cut, patriotic appearances of these three gentlemen. There are some who question the advisability of spending such vast sums of money for space exploration, but if science is to explore and unfold the mysteries of the Universe, then America has no choice but to contribute its part to this exploration. This should be approached with the insistence that each dollar spent will contribute to a tangible return.

Morehead Awards Nominees To Be Interviewed Jan. 23

Nineteen high school male seniors from 15 counties in this area will be interviewed here Thursday, Jan. 23, by the District I Morehead Selection Committee. The interviews will be held at the Roanoke Country Club.

Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount is chairman of the District I Committee. Members are Ralph L. Basnight of Ahoskie, Lorimer Midgett of Elizabeth City, L. Stuart Ficklen of Greenville and Francis P. Jenkins of Tarboro.

Six finalists will be chosen from District I to appear in Chapel Hill Feb. 27-March 3 for interviews with the Central Morehead Selection Committee.

District I is composed of Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrell and Washington counties. There are no nominees this year from Dare, Hyde, Perquimans and Tyrell counties.

Each of the 10 Morehead Awards District Committees in the state will select six finalists to be interviewed in Chapel Hill, along with 52 nominees from 26 private preparatory schools.

The Morehead Foundation's Board of Trustees makes the final selection of winners. Hugh G. Chatham of Eldin is chairman of the trustees. Members of the

board are Richard T. Chatham Jr. of Eldin, Alan Thomas Dickson and Howell Knight Hallett of Charlotte and Frank Borden Hanes of Winston-Salem.

Morehead Awards provide all-expense-paid undergraduates educations at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. They are valued at \$8,000 each for four years of study.

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