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## J. H. Ingoldsby, Trainmaster, SCL Addresses Lions Club Here

A financial crisis in the railroad industry has brought the nation to a crossroads where a hard choice must be made between nationalizing the railroads or bringing them into the transportation system as "part of the family." Mr. J.H. Ingoldsby, Trainmaster, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad said here January 7th.

Addressing the Lions Club at the Lions Den, Hertford, N.C., he added:

Given fair and equal treatment railroads can remain in private hands. They can be modernized and improved - largely at their own expense - and continue as a great national asset. Nationalization would convert this asset into a public liability."

Mr. Ingoldsby reviewed solutions recommended in a recent report by America's Sound Transportation Review Organization (ASTRO) - a study team created by the Association of American Railroads.

These recommendations, he declared, offer an alternative that would be far less costly than a government takeover.

They involve a cost to the public, he said, that might amount to "nothing at all because a railroad industry, with restored health, would pay more than enough in taxes to offset the outlays proposed."

Nationalization, Mr. Ingoldsby predicted, "could cost as much as \$60 billion just to transfer ownership," leaving unmet the industry's need for capital improvements and inviting "almost certain" operating losses.

He pointed out that, under government control during World War I, railroad operations cost U.S. taxpayers \$2 million a day, and the national systems of Japan and Western Europe currently operate at an average deficit of 4 per cent.

"By every possible yardstick - the cost of acquisition, the effect on customers and competitors, the experience of foreign nationalization - it is clear that a government takeover of U.S. railroads would be no favor to the American taxpayers and economy," Mr. Ingoldsby asserted.

He recalled that, in the past, U.S. railroads have taken care of themselves in the face of rising costs, expanding government help to competitors, discriminatory taxes, outdated regulations and policies that have forced the continuation of uneconomic services.

"But the years have taken their toll and brought the industry low," he added.

One-third of the railroads lost money last year and the downward trend has continued, he reported.

ASTRO proposed eliminating state and local property taxes on railroad property used in transportation and federal tax-sharing to reimburse state and local governments for their losses.

Another major ASTRO recommendation calls for creating a single transportation fund, to which the railroads would contribute and from which they would be authorized to receive \$400 million a year for improvement of rights-of-way and structures. In addition, the federal government would guarantee up to \$400 million loans for similar purposes.

ASTRO also suggested guaranteed loans and other help on equipment purchases. And it proposed that government spend \$100 million a year for research in both the freight and passenger fields.

"Even if all of ASTRO's recommendations for financial aid to the railroads were eventually to be adopted, the total would contribute only about \$700 million a year toward the railroads' capital requirement," Mr. Ingoldsby emphasized.

The industry's central crisis, he said, is that railroads are "losing their ability to build for the future," even as the need for them grows.

Pointing out that "the health and growth of our economy depend on the smooth functioning of the rail network," he noted that railroads hold the answer to problems like pollution and congestion and "alone can efficiently accommodate" the growing volumes of goods that must be moved.

## District Court Proceedings

Judge Fentress Horner presided at the Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court and disposed of the following cases: (December 30 and January 6 Sessions)

Buddy Morse and Arthur Jones were both charged with assault by striking (2) assault with a deadly weapon, to wit: an automobile by running over him. Buddy Morse was found not guilty of the charge and Jones was given a 30 day sentence, which was suspended upon the condition that he pay medical expenses involved and the costs of court.

Ralph White was found guilty of being drunk on the streets, (3rd offense, 5 months), was given a sentence of not less than 30 day or more than 6 months under the supervision of the N.C. Dept. of Correction Alcoholic Division;

Mennis Thomas Boone was found guilty of non-support of his illegitimate child and given a 6 months sentence, which was suspended upon payment of costs and payment of \$20.00 that day and ordered to pay \$20.00 monthly starting February 1;

Ronald Lynn Verhague, charged with breaking and entering and larceny, was given an eighteen months sentence, which was suspended for 3 years and the defendant was placed in the custody of Sheriff Broughton on probation with the condition that he pay for items taken; The defendant was also charged with escape from the custody of the Sheriff and given a 6 months sentence which was suspended for 3 years with same conditions as given in the previous sentence;

Andrew Welch was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and received a 6 months sentence, which was suspended upon the condition that he pay doctors and hospital costs resulting from fight, pay for a new pair of glasses and costs of the court.

## Funeral Services Held Sunday For Arba E. Winslow

Arba Elihu Winslow, 81, of Route 1, Belvidere, died Friday at 9:30 p.m. in the Albemarle Hospital following a month's illness. A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late William Thomas and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth White Winslow. He was a retired farmer and was a member of Upriver Friends Meeting where he was a former elder.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eunice W. Winslow; a son, William Eugene Winslow; a sister, Mrs. Alberta Lane; two brothers, Lucious Winslow and Linford L. Winslow; and two grandchildren, all of Route 1, Belvidere.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:00 in the Upriver Friends Meeting by the Rev. Waldo Smith and the Rev. Larry McEntire.

The Men's Chorus sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Others". They were accompanied by Miss Johnnie White, organist.

The casket pall was made of red carnations, white chrysanthemums and fern. Palbearers were Eلسberry Lane, Marshall Winslow, Savage Jolliff, Billy Winslow, Eugene Winslow and Percy Winslow, Jr. Burial was in the Upriver Cemetery.

## Graveside Rites Held For Nita Hale White

Nita Hale White, infant daughter of James Gregory and Mrs. Lois Hall White of Route 3, died Monday at 1:45 p.m. in the Albemarle Hospital.

Besides her parents, she is survived by a brother, James G. White, Jr.; a sister, Miss Nancy Jean White; her paternal grandfather, John Quincy White, all of Route 3, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Onley of Belcross.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at 2:00 in West Lawn Cemetery in Elizabeth City by the Rev. Leonard Nix, pastor of the Woodville Baptist Church, with Swindell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The casket pall was made of pink carnations.

## HERTFORD GIRL SERVING AS UNC-G CHEERLEADER



Performing as cheerleaders at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro are (left to right, first row) Susan Upton, Pat Anderson and Nancy Ayers, (second row) Susan Harrell, Peggy Nolan and Jamie Boseman. The Hertford girl, Miss Harrell, is a sophomore who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Harrell, Jr. of Box 66. The squad is busy this season cheering for the UNC-G men's basketball team.

## New Outbreak Of Hog Cholera

BELVIDERE -- An outbreak of hog cholera in Perquimans County, discovered Jan. 6, has led state and federal authorities to clamp on quarantines in Perquimans as well as Chowan and Gates Counties.

North Carolina Agricultural Commissioner James Graham announced the action Monday and said it was taken after a new case was diagnosed in Perquimans County Jan. 6. A herd of 369 head of hogs belonging to J.L. Winslow of Rt. 1, Belvidere, were infected with cholera.

Graham said preliminary findings indicate that the case resulted from a sow transmitting the virus to offspring without showing outward symptoms herself.

"This type is very weak," he said, "and is easy to control when it is caught in time."

He said agriculture department teams will remain on the alert for the disease throughout the farrowing season and into early summer.

"We regret very much this new problem but are fortunate that it is limited to one 369-head herd," he said. "With continued cooperation of all involved, I am confident this will be only a temporary problem in our hog cholera eradication program."

Hogs in Gates and Perquimans County have showed no sign of any hog cholera epidemic, according to Jack Wooten, public information officer of the eradication task force.

"However, a quarantine will remain in effect in the two surrounding counties to prevent the virus from spreading to these counties."

"Herds in these surrounding counties will be under strict surveillance with trained men making studies and diagnosing livestock. These task force

members will also be on hand to alert farmers of any potential spreading of the cholera virus," Wooten said.

## 58 Pints Blood Donated Monday At Bloodmobile

Mrs. Geneva Sawyer, Bloodmobile Chairman, reports that 58 pints of blood were donated Monday at the Bloodmobile Visit in Hertford. The quota for Perquimans County was 62 pints, which shows a very good participation in the program for such a worthy cause.

She wishes to express her sincere appreciation to every donor, as well as those who offered their blood but were not accepted, and every worker who helped to make this visit such a success.

Those assisting were Mrs. Joe Layden, Mrs. Fern Simmonson, Mrs. Lessie White, Mrs. Frances Taylor, Mrs. Evelyn Whedbee, Mrs. Maude Jones, Mrs. Mattie Matthews, Mrs. Ann Copeland, and Miss Jean Sawyer.

## Elects Officers

Saint Catherine's Guild of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hertford, elected officers for the next two years at their recent meeting. They will be installed on Sunday, May 30th at the 11:00 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon Service.

The new officers include: Mrs. Hoyle Umphlett, President; Mrs. Joseph Towe, Jr., Vice President; Mrs. Raymond Schofield, Secretary; Mrs. Julian E. Winslow, Treasurer

## Memorial Books Given To Perq. County Library

Two memorial books were given to the Perquimans County Library recently: American, the Beautiful is in memory of Mrs. Isa G. Tucker; and The Story of the White House is in memory of Mr. Alvie Ross Cook.

Other new titles in the library are: The Spotted Sphinx, by Joy Adamson, the author of Born Free and Living Free; Chiropractic-A modern way to health (a gift to the library) Holography, in the Introduction to Modern Science series, by Klein; The Sins of Bias, by Loeb; Julie Andrews, a biography, by Windeler; Willa Catha, a biography by Woodress; A History of Architectural Styles, by Bumgart; Looking at Israel, by Rutland; Sea Careers, by Fenton; The Good Drugs and the Bad Drugs, by Marr; The Making of a Surgeon, by Nolan; The Amateur Photographer's Handbook, and the Winter issue of American Heritage.

Two novels, The Mimosa Tree, by Cleaver and All the Best People, by Wilson complete this week's list of books.

## Clinton Morgan Dies Suddenly

Word was received here last week of the sudden death of Clinton W. Morgan, 80, of Lombard, Ill. on Wednesday while he and Mrs. Morgan were on a visit in Albany, N.Y. with their daughter, Mrs. Suzanne Zick, and her family.

He was the son of the late C. W. and Annie Toms Morgan of Hertford.

In addition to his widow, survivors include two sisters, Mrs. George Harrell and Mrs. R. A. Stamey, both of Emporia, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Zick, of Albany, N.Y. and Mrs. Jane Adamson, of Denver, Colo.; two sons, Dr. Clinton W. Morgan, Jr. of Albuquerque, N.M., and William Reid Morgan, of Riverside, Conn.; and one adopted son, Charles W. Morgan, Jr., also of Riverside, Conn.

Funeral services were held in Lombard, Ill. Monday at 2 p.m.

## John Broughton Accepts Post At Ind. University

John Broughton III, who received a doctorate in Mathematics from Oklahoma State University in December, has accepted a position at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania, as Associate Professor of Mathematics.

Broughton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Broughton, Jr. and the grandson of Mrs. Nathan Relfe, of Hertford.

## BIRTH CONTROL BILL

President Nixon has signed into law a \$387 million measure to expand federal birth control programs. The bill will provide agencies during the next three years to make family planning services available to an estimated five million persons too poor to pay for them.

## School Insurance Fund Unique In Nation Local Schools Had \$1,613,500.00 Ins. In Force

North Carolina can name many "firsts." A list of them might be topped with the birth of Virginia Dare and the flight at Kitty Hawk. It is probable, however, that the North Carolina Public School Insurance Fund might be overlooked.

Comparable to a small fire insurance company, the Fund is the only insurance operation run by a State Board of Education to provide low-cost fire insurance and extended coverage to public schools. Insuring with the Fund is optional. A school system may choose to insure with a stock or mutual company instead. But Thomas B. Winborne, Director, contends that schools can save money by insuring with the Fund. Some 101 of the State's 152 school systems do just that. Perquimans County is among those school systems.

Winborne has been with the Fund since its establishment in 1949 and Director since 1950. The Fund actually got its start in 1918 when a 25% increase in the fire insurance rates on public schools went into effect.

The General Assembly, to combat the increase, authorized the State Board of Education to set up and operate a school building insurance Fund. To begin it, \$2 million was loaned for reserve purposes from the State Literary Fund, which is used to loan money to local systems for building purposes. (At that time, according to Winborne, the Literary Fund was little used since schools could secure equal interest rates from commercial institutions.)

The \$2 million was repaid by 1962. Actually, not a penny was ever used in the payment of losses, said Winborne. Reserves at the present time amount to almost \$5 million. Investments of the Fund - handled by the State Treasury - are in U.S. Treasury bonds, notes, and so forth.

According to Winborne, one of the first results of the Fund was a slash in rates charged public schools by commercial insurance companies. Shortly after the establishment of the Fund, insurance companies petitioned the Insurance Commissioner to reduce public school fire insurance rates. Since then, these rates have been further decreased. "I am convinced that no such relief would have been granted if the insurance companies had not been forced to compete for business," said Winborne.

Sufficient coverage of school buildings is another asset. When the Fund was established many school systems are carrying insufficient insurance. Today these same units have taken advantage of lower charges to increase their coverage.

The greatest benefit, according to Winborne, has been the establishment and maintenance of a fire inspection service by the State. He said that about one-half of the budget of the Fund goes to inspection activities designed to minimize the risk of fire. Four engineers are employed by the State Board of Education for this purpose.

The 21st year of the operation of the Public School Insurance Fund ended June 30, 1970. As of that date, there were 77 county and 24 city school systems, 21 technical institutes, and six community colleges insuring their properties through the fund.

Total insurance in force was \$624,027,000. Earned premiums for the year were \$815,222.92 with losses of \$793,320.16, for a loss ratio to earned premiums of 97.31 per cent.

Perquimans County School System had \$1,613,500.00 insurance in force as of June 30, 1970, with fire and other losses, as of that date, at None.

## ERIE HASTE WINS COLOR TV



Erie Haste, Jr. is presented Philco Color TV set by Allen P. Martin, sales representative for this area, of Brown-Roger-Dixon Co., Winston-Salem, N.C. Haste won the set in a screen wire sales promotion, sponsored by Brown-Roger-Dixon Co., in which all dealers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tenn. participated.

## Two Lists of Information Compiled By Chamber of Com.

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce has recently compiled two lists of information that will be of importance to Chamber members and those they serve.

The first will be distributed to residents of Snug Harbor and eventually, Holiday Island - the two large resort areas located in Perquimans County.

The list contains the names of all of the county's business organizations, except those not Chamber members, and they are placed alphabetically according to the type of business they represent.

It is done in the same manner as the yellow pages of the telephone directory and is easy to follow and understand.

The Chamber feels it will be of great value, as a handy guide, to visitors in those areas who will be doing their shopping in Hertford.

On the listing are the names of the business organizations, their addresses and telephone numbers.

The Chamber has also compiled a list, to take care of many requests received in the mail, and for others who may need it, of all of the county's civic and

service organizations. Chamber President Erie Haste Jr. and Manager Frank M. Roberts will soon be making the rounds of many of the civic clubs in the area to explain the functions of the Chamber - what it has done in the last few years and some of its aims for the future.

## To Be Guest Speaker

"The Annual Peanut Production meeting will be held January 20, 1971, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Office Building," states Mr. William J. Griffin, Jr., Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent. Mr. Astor Perry, Extension Agronomy Specialist will be guest speaker for the meeting. Major emphasis will be placed on (1) Peanut Variety Selection, (2) Management practices, (3) Weed Control (4) Disease and Insect Control Practices (5) Growth Regulators, and (6) Harvesting Procedures. The County winner in peanut production will also be announced. "All peanut farmers are urged to be present to get the latest information on peanut production," further states Mr. Griffin.

## It's Time To List Your Property Taxes Again



Percy Rogerson, tax lister for Hertford Township, is shown listing property taxes for Mrs. Harry Spruill. Other listers for the county are: Mrs. Estes O. Copeland, List Taker for Belvidere Township; T. Julian Long, List Taker for Bethel Township; Melvin Eure, List Taker for New Hope Township, and Mrs. Floyd Long, List Taker for Parksville Township. Places and dates for listing are found elsewhere in this issue. Julian C. Powell, Tax Supervisor, urges you list in January and save the penalty.

## Youth Killed Here In Auto Wreck

A student at Roanoke Bible College in Elizabeth City was killed Friday afternoon when the car he was driving collided head-on with a tractor-trailer on the Perquimans River Bridge.

Bobby Gene Rawls, 18, Rt. 2, Robertsonville, was dead on arrival at Albemarle Hospital of multiple injuries including a fractured skull, broken neck, and crushed chest.

Trooper C.H. Mims of the North Carolina Highway Patrol who investigated said rescuers at the scene were unable to remove Rawls from the car until a tow truck was able to extract the car from under the front end of the tractor.

Driver of the truck, Robert Doughty, 43, Wilmington, escaped injury, told Mims he was unable to avoid hitting the coming car, which was in his traffic lane on the bridge high tide.

Traffic on the bridge was tied up partially more than two hours

## Holy Trinity Episcopal Vestry Elects Officers

During the recent meeting of the Vestry of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hertford, the following Church Officers were elected for the year 1971. Mr. Walker H. Gaakey, Jr., Senior Warden; Mr. Ned Nixon, Sr., Junior Warden; CDR W. Edward Griffin, Secretary; Mrs. J. Lloyd Horton, Treasurer.

MORE CIGARETTES SMOKED Washington - The Agriculture Department reports adult smokers consumed more cigarettes per capita in 1970 for the first time in four years.

## Motorists Have 'Til Feb. 16 To Get New Plates



Archie T. Lane, Jr. avoids last minute rush to get new 1971 license plates. Mrs. Jean Harrison, local license agent, stated that area residents may obtain plates at Hertford Municipal Building. Office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.