

STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERALD

The open printing shops of Raleigh are seeking to have an ordinance which restricts the city printing to union shops of the city.

The American Legion of the town of Lumberton are making plans for a large Armistice celebration on November 11th.

Representative Brinson, of the Third Congressional District, has complained to the post office department about the recent appointment of the postmaster at Goldsboro. He alleges that the appointment was made on political grounds rather than on merit.

The janitor of the Raleigh Woman's Club has been arrested for wasting the city water which is running very low on account of the continued drought.

Eight community fairs were held in Moore county during the past month.

Daily boat service has been inaugurated between Norfolk, Va., and Elizabeth City. The new boat line makes local stops enroute between these two places.

Judge Lane has ordered that an increase be made in the tax levy of Yadkin County for the schools of the county, the first levy not having been sufficient to properly conduct the county public schools.

W. C. Boren is the new president of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, having been elected at the state meeting which was held in Greensboro last week.

The State University last week celebrated its 128th birthday, by elaborate ceremonies, including the laying of another cornerstone.

The little town of Ayden in Pitt County is spending large sums upon their streets. This town expects to take the record on street paving, which is now held by the town of Lexington.

One of the artillerymen attached to the government troop which are moving across the state to Virginia, was killed by a truck near Roxboro one day last week.

According to recent announcement Wake Forest College will have a new athletic field by next spring.

The merchants association and chamber of commerce of Asheville are planning to erect houses for rent, which can be rented at from \$15 to \$25 per month.

J. W. Bailey, on the eve of surrendering his office as Internal Revenue Collector for North Carolina, gives out a statement in which he says he has reduced the cost of collecting federal taxes seventy five per cent since he has been office. He also gives some advice to his successor, Gillam Grissom, who was recently appointed by President Harding.

The Central Carolina Fair was held in Greensboro during last week; and was well attended throughout the week.

Gov. Morrison issued several pardons last week; and at the same time refused to grant others that were applied for.

The Executive committee of the North Carolina Sunday School Association met in Raleigh October 11th., and laid the plans for further promotion of that organization.

S. B. Cobb, of Burlington, had a close call from being burned to death, when his home caught on fire one night last week and was partially destroyed before the fire was discovered by him.

Kinston news despatches in-

dicates that a large number of prize fowls from that section are on exhibit at the Great State fair which is in progress at Raleigh this week.

The Carolina Playmakers of the State University have made a big hit in the northern cities. A New York City publishing concern has announced that it will publish a volume of the plays by the University boys.

A receiver has been named for the Henderson city water company, on account of their failure to make necessary additions to their plant in order to meet emergencies in the water supply for the city.

Home office agents of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Greensboro report a general revival in business conditions in the southern territory, during the past two months.

For the first time in many years the Wake Forest College football team defeated the Davidson team, last Saturday, the score being 10 to 7.

The Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. church convened at High Point on Wednesday of this week.

An advance in tobacco prices has been noted during the past week, many markets averaging around \$35 per hundred and some higher than that.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, of Biltmore, has recently purchased golf links under construction at an approximate cost of \$30,000, the links being located on a reservation at Biltmore.

Mrs. Maude McAbee, of the city of Asheville, has been sentenced to two years in the "pen" for assisting in the violation of the Mann White Slave Act.

Judge K. M. Landis, supreme arbiter in the baseball world, is now busily engaged in investigating the affairs of the Virginia League, in which Rocky Mount was barred from playing in the championship games.

More than 300 people of the town of Spencer last week chartered a special train and made a trip to Atlanta, Ga., for the purpose of hearing Cyclone Mack, the celebrated evangelist, who is now conducting a series of meetings in that city.

Evangelist Jim Green is working wonders with the lawless element of Winston-Salem, at which city he is now conducting a revival. Many, according to reports are confessing their lawless acts, and surrendering to the officers of the law.

Judge Frank Carter, attorney for J. T. Harris, of Ridgecrest, awaiting electrocution on a murder charge, in a statement made to the press Monday bitterly assails Governor Morrison for his refusal to commute the death sentence.

Very few landowners of the State are protesting against the widening of the highways, and the taking of their land by the State Highway Commission.

The American Legion of the city of Greensboro expects to stage a big celebration on Armistice Day.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad is among the list of roads on which the employees will go out on strike on the last day of October.

Some Attend Woodland Fair

The enlivened midway and the flying stunts at Woodland this week, on the occasion of the Roanoke-Chowan Fair, has attracted several localites to visit Woodland this week. Gloth's Shows, a 14-car carnival, is affording amusement for the fair attendants, and the "Carolina Flyers" are also electrifying its crowds.

THE MAN WHO QUILTS

The man who quits has a brain and hand
As good as the next; but he lacks the sand
That would make him stick with a courage stout
To whatever he tackles and fight it out.

He starts with a rush and a solemn vow
That he'll soon be showing the others how;
Then something new strikes his roving eye,
And his task is left for the bye and bye

It's up to each man what becomes of him;
He must find in himself the grit and vim
That bring success; he can get the skill,
If he brings to the task a steadfast will.

No man is beaten till he gives in;
Hard luck can't stand for a cheerful grin;
The man who fails needs a better excuse
Than the quitter's whining, "What's the use?"

For the man who quits lets his chances slip,
Just because he's too lazy to keep his grip,
The man who sticks goes ahead with a shout,
While the man who quits joins the down and out.

—Selected

Truth Regarded Lightly

The Hertford County Herald and more especially the writer, who is editor of the Herald, have been placed in a false light by the statements made in an affidavit, signed by J. H. Robertson of Ahoskie, who stands accused of an assault with intent to commit rape; which affidavit was prepared by the law firm of Winston & Matthews, of Windsor. The Herald regrets exceedingly to refer to this matter in the columns of this paper; but statements which are read in the presence of representative citizens, both men and women of the county, can only be countered by a statement to which the same public has ready access. These statements made privately would be answered privately; but they have been made publicly, and, therefore, I will answer them publicly, and hoping that the same public that heard these statements will also accept this statement, published herewith, as the TRUTH.

"The Robertson case" newspaper publicity has been charged to me. That is admitted. Conducting a newspaper is my business; and so long as I do not over-exercise the "freedom of the press" it is within my own province to say what shall be published in the paper whose columns are under my control. Charges have been made that I have, as a result of conferences with alleged "conspirators", written editorials with the implied intent of influencing the public against Robertson. Cumulative evidence is offered by attorney J. H. Matthews, who says I have been seen in company with two of the 'conspirators' on a particular day and at a specified time. Both of these charges, I denounce as FALSE. What I have written in the Herald has been upon my own initiative. Mr. Matthews's statement was untrue, so far as one of the persons named in company with me. I have never discussed this question one minute with the alleged leader of the 'conspirators'.

Furthermore, the HERALD recognizes that the publication of such incidents as the Robertson affair is not to be exploited and this paper avoids publishing such matters insofar as it can be ethically excused. For several weeks nothing was published about the affair. This action was fostered and nurtured by the hope that the defendant would recognize the seriousness of the alleged offense, and by leaving the town and community remove cause for any reference in any newspaper whatsoever. Not until this matter had become everybody's business, and there appeared to me an apparent attempt to loosely regard and carelessly handle the good name of a woman did I allow any publication of this affair. Then, only facts in connection with the preliminary trial and Robertson's suspension by the railroad officials and the Masonic lodge, were allowed to go into the columns of the paper. Neither the testimony of the prosecuting witness nor the defendant's testimony has been published.

Not until a sacred principle woman's virtue—became involved to such an extent that rumors upon rumors floated in the very air did I undertake to combat this violation of woman's most sacred heritage. Rumors have no place in a newspaper; and rumors should not be exploited by private conversation nor in public places. All the publicity in connection with this case is not due, however, to the Herald. Tattlers, perverters of truth, destroyers of virtue, and henchmen have been busily engaged in their several vocations. No evidence in the case has been published in these columns; and yet you can easily find persons in this and Bertie counties who are conversant with every detail of the evidence. Where did this information come from? The preliminary hearing was privately conducted; only the members of the local Masonic lodge heard the testimony before that body—and yet people all up and down the line can reveal the purported facts in connection with the case. What the Herald has published was published to counteract the influence so stealthily spread throughout this section

TOBACCO SALES REPORT ISSUED FOR SEPTEMBER

AHOSKIE MARKET MADE AVERAGE OF \$20.10 SEPT

Local Market Made Better Average Than Nearest Rival Market, Windsor, And Also Sold More Tobacco During September, Although State Average Is Higher

The Crop Reporting Service of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture have issued their report of the sales of Leaf Tobacco in North Carolina, during the month of September. According to this report, which is the reports of all warehouses operating in this State, there were 695,576 lbs. of tobacco sold on the Ahoskie market during the month of September, at an average price of \$20.10 per hundred pounds. In the same month last year, Ahoskie averaged only \$16.50. At Windsor, the nearest market to Ahoskie, 540,266 pounds were sold in September at an average of \$19.40, Ahoskie leading in the price paid seventy cents to the hundred pounds.

The following is the digest of the report for September, as it was prepared by the Crop Reporting Service:

"The tobacco markets operating in North Carolina during September showed 42 warehouses and 14 markets less than were operating last year, as reported to the State Cooperative Crop Reporting Service. Sales during the month were about 7,000,000 pounds less than sold during September of last year, but the price of sales averages about three cents per pound higher. Farmers are watching the markets closely and the small amount on the floors, also bears evidence to the greatly reduced crop this year.

The 1921 production is only 45.5 per cent compared with last year, and, up to date, only 28.4 per cent of the crop has been marketed. The Wilson market sold 8,036,685 pounds of farmers' tobacco at an average price of \$25.56 per hundred. At Greenville there was marketed 5,702,367 pounds at an average of \$22.80; and Kinston reported, 5,438,585 pounds sold at \$20.43. Rocky Mount market sold 2,485,328 at \$22.18; Farmville 2,045,674 pounds at \$24.46; Winston-Salem 1,918,138 pounds at \$21.84. These larger markets show an average price of \$23.00 which is only 1-4c better than the state average.

The Fuquay Springs market sold 152,440 pounds and averaged \$33.56 per hundred for sales. It was the only market in the state that was over \$30.00, while Mebane, which is usually one of the state's higher priced markets, reported an average of \$11.48, the lowest.

The total consumers' sales reported for the month were 41,541,008 pounds. About 215,000 pounds is estimated as sold by two warehouses failing to report. The total producers' sales to date amount to 55,787,023 pounds or about two million pounds less than was sold last year to the same date.

and the Herald considers this a responsibility not to be shirked by a properly conducted newspaper.

—J. ROY PARKER.

ROBERSON WILL BE TRIED IN GATES COUNTY

ROBERTSON GETS HIS CASE MOVED TO GATES

Affidavit Presented by Robertson Ruled Out by Judge Calvert and Defense Ordered to Prepare New Motion

Judge Thos. Calvert today, Thursday, ordered the removal of the case of State vs. Robertson to Gates County. Superior court in the latter county will convene in December. The action of the presiding judge to allow the motion of the defense for removal followed the finding of a true bill against Robertson by the grand jury on a charge of assault with attempt to commit rape, the calling of the petit jury, and the calling of the case late Wednesday afternoon. The motion for removal was offered upon the convening of court Thursday morning, and it was half past eleven at the time of granting the motion. The courthouse was jammed with witnesses numbering about 100, an array of legal talent, and attendants, there to hear the evidence.

The principal document upon which the defense argued removal was affidavit by Robertson, the defendant, the bulky document having been prepared by Messrs. Winston & Matthews, leading attorneys for the defense. The reading of the affidavit elicited a vigorous protest by Solicitor Midyette and the attorneys for the prosecution. Judge Calvert repeatedly interrupted lawyer Matthews (who read the affidavit) and warned him repeatedly to read only those portions of the affidavit which had to do with the motion for removal. Yet, Mr. Matthews read the entire document in open court, after dismissal of the jury, portions of the affidavit being, according to the solicitor, slanderous in character, and totally incompetent to be entered into the court records. Following the reading, the presiding judge ordered the defense to prepare another affidavit, leaving out those parts irrelevant to the removal motion. He would not consent to the recitals contained in the affidavit being entered in the court records. The affidavit read in open court was ordered destroyed, and the judge warned the defense not to retain any copy of the original.

Wholesale denials have been made since the reading of the ill-advised document, by those upon whom charges were made without an opportunity at rebuttal. Judge Calvert's action in ordering the affidavit rewritten is highly commended.

NEW FIRM FOR AHOSKIE

Messrs. Russell Slaughter & Morton Powell, who have been conducting the Hertford Auto & Machine Co., at Ahoskie, for the past two years, have disposed of their holdings. Messrs. Price and Harris, experienced mechanics, of Rocky Mount, N. C., have purchased the formers holdings; and have changed the name of the firm to the Hertford Welding and Machine Company.

The new firm will do business at the old stand, and expect to add new equipment, that will serve a larger and a more exacting trade.