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## JURY ACQUITS LOCAL CONSPIRACY CASE

### LOCAL CONSPIRACY CASE BROUGHT TO AN END

The Conspiracy Case of J. H. Robertson vs. J. N. Vann, Claude Vann and R. H. Jernigan, Brought to a Close Last Week by the Superior Court of Hertford County.

The indictment of the conspiracy charge against J. N. Vann, Claude Vann and R. H. Jernigan tried in the Superior Court of Hertford county last week was dismissed before reaching the jury, there being no evidence to support the charge.

The two Mr. Vanns were found guilty of simple assault upon their admission of striking Robertson, the prosecuting witness in the case. There was no evidence to warrant a verdict against Mr. Jernigan, whom the jury acquitted.

Judge Allen upon reviewing the evidence in the case suspended judgment against the Vann boys upon payment of the costs.

This is "act two" in the development of the notorious case of state against Robertson, who several months ago was indicted, tried, and put under bond, at the hearing in a magistrate's court here charged with a statutory offense against the wife of L. K. Walker, an Ahoskie physician, and who is at present under bond awaiting the outcome of his trial at the next term of Superior Court in Gates county.

The alleged "conspirators" or some of them were about to give Robertson a flogging for his insults to Mrs. Walker, and for which Robertson sought vengeance against these three young men before the grand jury, he being the lone prosecuting witness.

The ugly phase of the "conspiracy" case was the reckless testimony offered by two of the prosecuting witnesses, the character of which was both startling and astonishing to the good people of Ahoskie. It is to be hoped that these two witnesses' consciences are not so calloused as their statements would lead the people of this little city and community to believe them to be by their persistent efforts to minimize the crime of which Robertson is charged and in swearing that Robertson's character is as good as the average citizen of Ahoskie.

The good people of Ahoskie would prefer to think that these two witnesses are ignorant of the meaning of the word character; because ignorance can be excused; deliberate misrepresentation of the citizens of Ahoskie cannot be forgotten and such diabolic oaths and statements are a gross insult to the intelligence of the good people of Ahoskie, and this paper stands ready now to and always to resent this charge as false and slanderous.

Character, as we understand it, means the estimate attached to the individual by the community in which he lives; or the esteem in which a person is held by others, especially the popular opinion, whether favorable or reverse. It means also moral excellence.

Public opinion coupled with facts caused the expulsion of Robertson from the Masonic order on two distinct occasions. Public opinion backed by common decency caused the justice of peace, who tried Robertson, to require bond of him until he could be tried in a higher court for infraction of a criminal law.

Shame on any citizen who would say that Robertson is as good as the average citizen of Ahoskie. How can anyone support such a statement? Is the average citizen of Ahoskie a culprit who is guilty of assaulting his neighbor's wife or otherwise grossly insulting her? No.

In the light of past developments how could this paper support such an indictment against the average citizen of Ahoskie?

If you are in need of printing of any kind, send your copy to the Herald office, and you will not only get quick service, but you will be satisfied with the work.

## THE BIGGEST THING IN THE UNITED STATES

### N. C. AND VA. TOBACCO GROWERS CO-OPERATION

More Than 65,000 Tobacco Growers from N. C. and Va. Now Members of Tobacco Growers Co-operation, Largest Co-operative Marketing Organization.

Announcement that more than 65,000 tobacco farmers from the Carolina and Virginia are now members of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operation, establishes this organization as the largest Co-operative Marketing organization in the United States.

The first step towards the establishment of warehouses and redrying plants for the Association was taken by the Directors when a committee was appointed to make a survey of the tobacco marketing equipment in the three States, at the recent meeting of directors held in Raleigh. This committee composed of Dr. J. Y. Joyner of North Carolina, Chairman, N. H. Williams of Virginia and T. B. Young of South Carolina, will determine those properties in the three States which seem essential to the furtherance of the plans of the association.

Because of the large number of applications which have reached the Directors of the Growers' Association from warehousemen, Boards of Trade and Marketing centers expressing the wish to do business with the association—no difficulty is anticipated in securing all properties needed for the marketing of the hundreds of millions of pounds now under contract in the association.

The appointment of the committee to prepare for the lease or purchase of warehouses as are needed for marketing the 1922 crop of all association members, was made after the report of those directors who returned from Kentucky as eye witnesses of the successful operation of the Kentucky Burley Growers Marketing Association which controls and operates over 100 warehouses in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana.

First hand study of the successful methods of finance and marketing used by the organization of 55,000 Kentucky growers who have made profitable sales of millions of pounds of their crop of 1921 is aiding the directors of the Virginia-Carolina Association in preparing to market the crop of 1922.

While praising the operation of the Kentucky Burley Association, the Virginia-Carolina directors say that the foundation of success for the Kentucky growers lies in their ability to make tobacco pay by raising sufficient grain, hay and live stock to support their families and improve their lands. The directors of the organized growers of Virginia and the Carolinas are earnestly urging their members to lay the same foundation for success as the Kentucky Burley growers by raising their food, feed and meat at home.

### AHOSKIE BAPTISTS WITHOUT A PASTOR

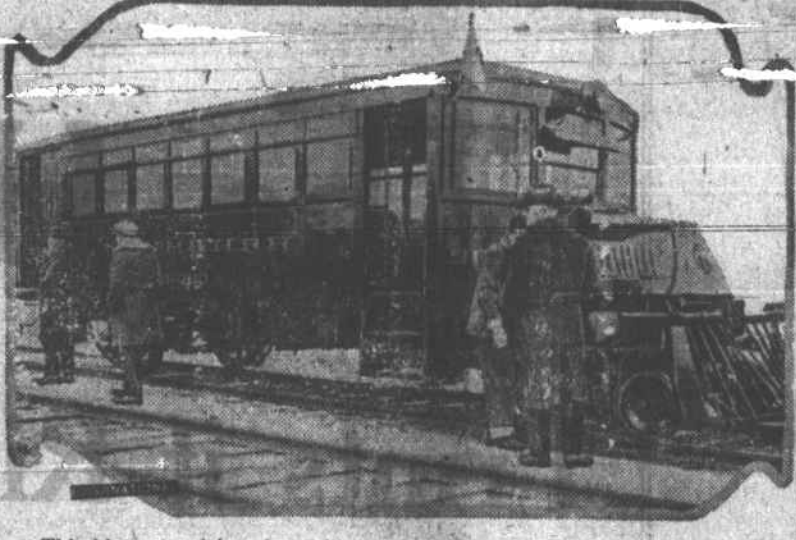
Since the departure of Rev. Collins for several years pastor of the local Baptist Church, efforts have been made to secure a pastor, but as yet, no success has resulted. However, prospects at present appear more promising, according to reports from the church officials.

### REV. HODGES PREACHES STRONG SERMON

Last Sunday night Rev. Hodges preached one of the best sermons the people of Ahoskie have had the opportunity to hear in some time. He preached straight from the shoulder and gave the congregation a plain illustration of how we all cheated our God out of our time and means when it really belongs to Him above. He also illustrated the sins of card parties, moving pictures, dancing and using vulgar language and taking the name of the Lord in vain.

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## Gasoline Cars for Suburban Lines



This big motor-driven bus will replace steam cars on the suburban lines of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. It was tried out recently by officials of the company and pronounced a success. The cars, which are gasoline-driven, resemble the motorcar in various ways. They have, however, airbrakes and several similar railroad appliances.

## DO YOU REMEMBER YEARS AGO IN AHOSKIE?

The big fire on Railroad Square that burned so many wooden structures. It strated in Tillery's Barber shop and swept the entire block including F. Powell's big store and many others.

Do you remember when the first passenger train was run into Ahoskie over the W. & P. R. R. from Windsor and how the other engine always came along first to see if the track was alright, followed by the passenger train?

Do you remember when the ice plant was built in Ahoskie by Mr. Hedgepeth, many people said that ice could not be manufactured, and that it was impossible to make ice from water.

Do you remember when the citizens could not decide on a suitable site for the present school building. Some wanted it on the west end of town, others wanted it in the east end, some suggested that it be put on wheels. Finally the west end won out and the school building was put there.

Do you remember when Gram Hollomons house on Church street was the most beautiful residence in town, with its tower and many gables.

Do you remember the skating and frolic pond in the woods where west main street is now, and how the boys from the Academy used to run down there every recess and frolic.

Do you remember when Bessie Fant was the best bicycle rider in town and when she came up Church street one morning riding fast and Paul Williams opened Mr. Billie Greene's front gate and threw Bessie over the handle bars.

Do you remember Miss Essie Watson and Miss Lula who taught the opening session at the Academy, and boarded at Dr. Mitchell's.

Do remember when Governor Aycock spoke in Ahoskie and people came from far and near to hear him and banners were suspended across the street with a red rooster painted on them.

Do you remember when the old beech tree on Mr. John Godwin's lot was the meeting place for all the boys, and that square was called out in the woods, inhabited by billy goats, hogs and cattle.

Do you remember when electric lights were installed at the Branning mill and the commissary, also the day a W. & P. engine's throttle opened and the engine ran away and was found at Willoughby's crossing, number 4 engine taking out behind her.

Do you remember when a company wanted to build a large knitting mill in Ahoskie where Clarence Perry's property is now located and the citizens opposed it. They finally located the mill at Scotland Neck.

Do you remember when the Baptist church was quite a ways out of town and when you met people coming into town, as far as Rue street; asked them where they were going, they would say going to Ahoskie which seemed then, quite a piece further down the road.

Do you remember when a number of white people lived on north Maple street and when Mr. Jack Parker built the big house there

along with many other white families.

Do you remember when Mr. Jim Doughtie ran a store next door to Mr. T. H. Overton's on Main street, and when Mr. Overton's store was moved from the site where Sheriff Garrett's residence stood.

Do you remember when Dr. Mitchell had the first soda fountain in Ahoskie at his drug store.

Do you remember when Dr. Greene drove around in his little red Maxwell automobile, and how it frightened the horses in the road.

Come on old timers, shuffle your memories, send in any old remembrances that you may think of to the Hertford County Herald, Ahoskie, N. C.

### HALF MILLION DOLLARS INVESTED IN U. S. TREASURE SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

More than one-half million dollars has been saved and invested in United States Treasury Saving Certificate, in the Fifth Federal Reserve District during the month of January, according to a statement made by Postmaster A. T. Willoughby of the Ahoskie, N. C. Post Office. The postmaster has just received a letter from Howard T. Cree, Government Director of Savings at Richmond, Virginia, in which he states that sales for January have far surpassed expectations. From 226 post offices reporting and mail orders received at the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, the sales total \$562,650.

This new offering of certificates has proved very popular in that they are issued in denominations of \$25, \$100, and \$1,000 and may be purchased at a flat discount price of twenty per cent off their maturity value. People seeking a safe investment, with a guarantee as to both principal and interest, have been quick to take advantage of this attractive issue of "baby bonds" and have bought them in large numbers.

Postmaster Willoughby says, "For those seeking investment of funds, nothing is more attractive than these new savings certificates which yield four and one-half per cent interest on purchase price, compounded semi-annually, if held to maturity, five years from the date of issue."

### SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES ENTERTAIN

The seventh and eighth grade pupils of the Powellville Graded School gave a very delightful party last Friday evening in the school auditorium.

Many interesting games were enjoyed and a very interesting contest was conducted by Miss Laura Leigh Riddick. After refreshments of home made candies and fruit were served, Miss Mary Barker, the music teacher rendered several piano selections and chorus singing was enjoyed by all.

Those present including the seventh and eighth grades, and the invited guests were; Misses Ethel Powell, Lucile Mitchell, Clarine Wynnes, Virginia Early, Louise Ruffin, Bessie Pritchard, L. L. Riddick and Mary Barker. Messrs. Willie Powell, Paul Simmons, Jimmie Raynor, Charles Raynor, Bob Mitchell, Milton Earley, Leslie Holloman, Edward Earley and Grady Harmon.—Reported.

This article was too late for publication last week.

## STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD

The taxpayers of Wayne county have entered protest against the high taxes of their county. They met in a body last week, and steps were taken to remedy the present system of high taxes prevailing in that county.

Moonshiners of Craven county have been giving more trouble for the past week than in some time before, according to reports of the local revenue officials. Several shooting scrapes between the liquor gang and the revenue forces have occurred during the past week.

It is expected that more than 1,000 Rotarians from all parts of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, will attend the Seventh District Conference of Rotarians, to be held in Winston-Salem, March 21 and 22nd.

The town of Henderson is planning to pave the streets of the town as soon as bonds can be issued and petitions filed for construction.

Thomas R. McArthur, a Rutherford county man, celebrated his 100th birthday, Sunday, March 5th. He says that the citizens of the Tar Heel state live longer than those in any other, and cited his case as evidence of the fact.

Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the Navy, delivered an address to the Chapel Hill student body on Mar. 3rd, on the subject of "The Disarmament Conference". The hall was packed to capacity, as is usual when the Hon. Josephus speaks.

The Carolina Power Co., has begun construction on a huge hydroelectric power plant at Swift Island, on the Pee Dee River. It will have a capacity of approximately 35,000 horse-power, and is to furnish power to all nearby towns.

State health officials have made the statement that epidemics of "Flu" are being reported from many sections of the state. However, it is a milder form than the terrible epidemic that occurred in 1918-1919. Very few deaths have been reported as yet.

The State Agricultural Dept. has issued an injunction to all farmers to plant less cotton and more soy beans this season, owing to the boll weevil menace which is constantly spreading over North Carolina.

A new industry, a huge canning factory, is to be launched at Southern Pines by a northern corporation in the near future. The estimated cost will be \$225,000.

The Central Labor Union of Asheville, is holding a carnival this week for the purpose of stimulating greater civic pride among the citizens of that city.

Greenville will enter the Eastern Carolina Baseball League this season, according to an announcement to that effect, made last week.

Wilmington's community chest drive for \$40,000 was launched Monday morning, and from the latest reports, excellent results have resulted from the drive.

The Hackney Brothers, of Wilson, contemplate making extensive additions to their plant in the near future, if present plans are put into effect.

Construction work on buildings recently completed and those nearing completion in the city of Kinston will exceed \$600,000, it is estimated. This town is among the few which have been on a boom during the business depression of the past year or more.

Another auto accident, a collision between a Ford and a Studebaker, occurred in Raleigh Monday. The occupants of the cars were injured, but not seriously.

The negroes of New Bern are still making trouble for the police force of that city. The latest disturbance was a shooting affair in a church last Sunday morning, in which pistols were brought into play,

with several wounded negroes as a result. Police forces are kept busy in that city over the negro question.

E. B. Hodgkin, prominent Guilford county man, died at his home at Sanford, Sunday night. Mr. Hodgkin was well known among the people of his county, as well as by outsiders.

Rev. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, is now ninety years old. He continues to preach the Gospel to his pastorate, with undiminished zeal. Rev. Hill is probably the oldest active Presbyterian minister in North Carolina.

The farmers of Anson county have formed an association to rid the county of the boll weevil pest. Much good will probably result from their efforts.

One of Rocky Mount's largest stores was blown up with dynamite early morning, sustaining a loss of \$5,000. It is thought to be the work of a gang of professional safe blowers or robbers. As yet, no evidences of the gang have been found, they having made a complete get-away.

The management of the Community Chest Drive in the city of Greensboro have collected \$67,688 on their drive up to date. This amount exceeds the management by several thousand dollars. Efforts will be made to raise the remaining of the quota next week.

The city of Fayetteville was host to a convention of Odd-Fellows on Monday night. The attendance was large, both in delegates and candidates.

D. Rich, treasurer of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., will build a handsome public library in Bules Creek at a near date. The library will be for the benefit of the Academy students.

The town of Wilson was visited by a severe cyclone and electrical storm Tuesday morning, leaving the town and vicinity in a state of considerable wreckage. One person was killed and 40 injured, besides much other damage done to property.

The "Master Builder", internationally famous opera, will be presented at the North Carolina College Friday and Saturday, March 10-11. This play, a Norwegian production, is the talk of the operatic world at present.

Seven hundred thousand school children will pay \$685,194.74 more for school text books, under the new adoption of elementary textbooks, according to tabulations made public on March 7th. A radical change in the old system of books for elementary grades is the cause of this enormous increase. This means that the public school student will have to pay nearly twice as much for books in the future as in the past.

Miss Marie Merzt, said to be the smallest woman in the world, died at her home in Salisbury, on March 7th. She had travelled with all the large circuses, and visited nearly every country in the world as an exhibit.

Automobile men in Greensboro are fast perfecting plans for an auto show to be held in that city, March 14-18. It is expected to be one of the biggest events ever held in Greensboro along that line.

W. V. Williams, prominent druggist, died at his home in Goldsboro Wednesday. Paralysis was the cause of his death.

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, organized in Wilmington, has already begun work, it was announced March 7th. This organization will probably extend its influence over a large part of the Eastern part of North Carolina, as regards to business enterprises.

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