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## CITIZENS MET FRIDAY NIGHT TO ORGANIZE

### Enthusiastic, Practical Meeting Of Citizens Held Friday To Organize A Chamber Of Commerce For Ahoscie—Have You Joined, If Not See The Membership Committee At Once,—It Is A Good Thing

About thirty public spirited citizens and business men of Ahoscie met in the director's room of the Farmers-Atlantic Bank Friday night, August 17th, for the purpose of organizing a Chamber of Commerce for the town of Ahoscie. The meeting was called to order by Hon. W. E. Johnson and V. D. Strickland was appointed temporary chairman. After a few minutes discussion the following gentlemen were unanimously elected to the following offices: President, V. D. Strickland; Vice-President and Publicity Manager, James S. Vinson; Secretary and Treasurer, James I. Crawford.

A Social Committee consisting of Messrs S. M. Applebaum, Paul E. Dukes and R. H. Jernigan was appointed by the president.

Dr. C. G. Powell, President of the Farmers-Atlantic Bank, speaking for the directors of the Bank, tendered the use of the director's room for the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce so long as it was large enough to accommodate the members.

Mr. W. L. Curtis expressed his views on the organization of a Chamber of Commerce for Ahoscie and also his experiences with other bodies of this nature organized in Ahoscie during the past. Mr. Curtis stated that in his opinion it would be necessary and desirable for the Chamber to employ an all-time paid secretary. However, he stated that he would concur in any decision reached by the assembly. A motion was adopted which contemplated the employment of an all-time secretary as suggested by Mr. Curtis. The chair named a committee consisting of Mr. Curtis and Mr. R. H. Jernigan and the committee was instructed to canvass the town to secure the amount of \$15 from individual subscribers until 100 subscribers were obtained. In receiving subscriptions the committee was instructed to take checks drawn to read "to be cashed only along with 99 other individual checks for like amount and purpose." The purpose of this fund collected in advance is to assure at least one year's salary to an all-time secretary, same to be paid to the said secretary monthly, and if he failed to produce results his salary was no longer to be paid. In other words if he failed to produce results, his salary would not be guaranteed for any definite time; also with the understanding that any part of the fund not used in this respect would be refunded to the individual donors.

An accurate list of the subscribers is to be kept by the canvassing committee, and later by the Secretary after the checks have been turned over to him to be handled as cash. Said checks not to be delivered by the canvassing committee until the 100 checks from individuals for the amount of \$15.00 each are in hand. Those present and giving in their names as subscribers to the proposition as outlined were W. L. Curtis, V. D. Strickland, James S. Vinson, F. D. Flythe, H. C. Reynolds, James W. Green, K. T. Raynor, Dr. C. G. Powell, W. J. Myers, C. H. Phaup, S. M. Applebaum, J. W. Godwin, Jr., C. W. Casper, John A. Britton, James I. Crawford, R. H. Jernigan, W. M. Corwin and S. E. Vaughn.

The canvassing committee has secured the following additional names since the meeting of Friday night:

In this connection let us say that it is the interest of every citizen of the town to join this organization and we are glad to promote it to the fullest extent. There are citizens of Ahoscie who sign up practically every year to have a Chataqua come here and they lose anywhere from five to twenty dollars each year and yet they have not signed their names to a check for the Chamber of Commerce. Honestly, if you do not expect a Chamber of Commerce to do more for Ahoscie than any Chataqua has ever done, we could not expect you

## 128,000 POUNDS TOBACCO SOLD OPENING DAY

### Market Opens Thursday Morning, August 17th With Large Crowd Of Growers On Hand. Over One Hundred Thousand Pounds Of Tobacco Sold With Average of Nearly \$23 Per Hundred

The Ahoscie Tobacco Market opened Thursday morning, August 17th as per schedule. As early as Wednesday afternoon farmers coming from long distances were bringing their tobacco in the big iron warehouse and preparing same for the opening sale. By midnight the house was nearly half full and a good sized crowd of growers was in town. Early Thursday morning the warehouse was filled and the streets adjoining the warehouse congested with vehicles of the growers who had tolled all the season and were now putting tobacco on the floor for the opening sale.

Mr. C. H. Phaup, proprietor of the Farmers Warehouse, the iron house, had made ample arrangements to take care of his customers, plenty of help for weighing and handling of tobacco was available as well as ample room and other accommodations.

Shortly after ten o'clock Thursday morning, the sales commenced with a full set of buyers representing all companies. By two o'clock and just before going to press, about half of the tobacco had been sold. Something over two thousand piles of tobacco were listed as being on the floor and the estimated weight of the total was 128,000 pounds.

Prices realized averaged as a whole around \$23.60 per hundred pounds. Prices on individual piles ranged from 61 cents to 4 cents a pound. Good quality tobacco was in demand and brought a good price. As a whole the tobacco offered, showed the effects of the extremely unfavorable weather which the growers have experienced. There was much tobacco of a poor quality and which showed the result of too much rain on the plant.

Uniform satisfaction was expressed by the growers as to the average of prices received, quality considered.

Mr. Phaup is known all over the eastern part of North Carolina as being a good tobacco man, a good judge of tobacco and an experienced warehouseman. He expressed himself as being pleased with the success of the opening sale and that the prices were satisfactory to the growers.

Messrs. John W. Emerson & Co. of Greenville, Tenn., experienced tobacco men of that section, acquired the Basnight warehouse this week and will also sell tobacco at auction. Their warehouse is open now to receive tobacco, their first sales will be held Monday, August 21st.

Mr. A. D. Watts, Commissioner of Revenue for North Carolina is recovering from a serious illness in a hospital at Richmond, Va.

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to promote a Chamber of Commerce. Now don't think we are knocking Chataqua, but we feel like a live Chamber of Commerce will do more good to the town in one month than a hundred Chataquas will ever do.

Ahoscie must be a very good town when we stop to consider the many enterprises that have landed here in some way, certainly the people of the town have not ever gone out after such things. It looks as if they naturally drift here and no one knows how it happened.

What we want to do is to organize and present the many advantages of Ahoscie where they should be presented. Ahoscie is the largest town in the Roanoke-Chowan section, and if we will only take advantage of our opportunities, there is every reason to believe that it will be twice as large as it is in a few years. Some of the things we will have to provide before that day arrives are equitable tax rates, good and economical town government, day electric current, and paved streets. Are all these things impossible? They are if we do not organize. LET'S ORGANIZE!

## THE Y. W. A. RALLY AT WOODLAND

The Y. W. A. Rally Day of Northampton, Bertie and Hertford counties was held in Woodland Baptist Church, August 9th. Owing to the disagreeable weather, the representation of many societies were denied the privilege and pleasure of attending.

The meeting was presided over most graciously by Miss Estelle Beale of Potecasi. The devotional exercises of the morning were conducted by Mrs. Herbert Jenkins of Aulander.

A most cordial welcome was extended by Miss Marie Griffin in the absence of Miss Bessie Lee of Winton.

Miss Ella Earley of Aulander responded to this welcome. Greetings from the Association Superintendent, Mrs. A. L. Lassiter of Potecasi were read by Mrs. Dofferyre. In a very impressive way, Miss Minnie James Futrell of Ashley's Grove told "What Our Auxiliary Should Mean to the Girls of our Church." A very delightful feature of the morning program was a play based on Home Missions, given by the Potecasi Y. W. A.

A bountiful lunch was served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed by the young ladies present.

The devotional exercises of the afternoon were conducted by Miss Ella Earley.

Mrs. A. L. Lassiter having resigned as Association Superintendent, Mrs. P. S. Vann of Chowan College, the recently elected Superintendent, was presented and in a very earnest way, told the young ladies of some of her aims and plans for the coming year.

The main feature of the afternoon program was to have been a pageant by the Ahoscie Y. W. A. In their absence the program was necessarily short. The absence of Miss Ella Pierce of Ahoscie was also deeply regretted. Mr. P. S. Vann of Chowan College took this opportunity to tell the young ladies of the wonderful advantages of Chowan College, and how the future of the College depended upon them.

Delightful musical numbers were furnished by the Woodland Y. W. A. Misses Mary Lee and Dorothy Bridgers of Lasker and the Lewiston Y. W. A.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Miss Estelle Beale, Potecasi; Vice President, Miss Mary Butler, Lewiston; Secretary, Miss Alice Mitchell, Aulander; Treasurer, Miss Nancy Parker, Murfreesboro.

The next meeting will be held with the Y. W. A. of Aulander. The meeting was a most inspirational one, and marks the beginning of a very important day in the missionary work of the young ladies of these counties.

## CHOWAN COLLEGE

President Preston S. Vann has just returned from Raleigh where he had a conference with the State Board of Education regarding the standard of Chowan College. The State Board unanimously voted to raise the standard of Chowan from Class "C" to Class "B". The College is now within one year of being rated with the highest educational institutions of the State, and this highest rating will be given Chowan within the next year or two.

So that a girl entering there now will have all the benefits of the "A" rating before time for her graduation. As the rating now stands a year's work done by a girl in Chowan is recognized by any college in the State, and the grade of work is not questioned by the various colleges, nor by the State's accrediting committee.

The thousands of friends of Chowan will welcome this good news with great rejoicing. The friends of the College can now take heart to work for Chowan, since this raise of rating, and knowing that within the course of one or two years she will stand second to none in the State. And the getting of State recognition, as Chowan now has, gives her standing with the colleges and universities throughout the south and north. This means that more of her graduates will go on and get degrees from the leading universities in the north.

The work on the new auditorium, gymnasium, and swimming pool has been delayed by the architect; but the contract will be let in Ahoscie, Aug. 18, and the building will move forward to completion.

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## WEEKLY CROP NOTES. WEEK AUGUST 1-7

### WEATHER

There is still much rain in the eastern part of the state, with hail storm doing much damage in Caldwell county. The Piedmont area is dry and cool, excepting in southern counties where the weather is favorable. In the mountains it is rainy and cool.

### WHEAT

Wheat is poor to fair. Very little is grown in the eastern counties. Rust was general and destructive.

### CORN

Corn is poor in eastern areas with improvement reported in Jones, Wilson and southeastern counties. Rain has retarded growth and development. Mention of much improvement in the Piedmont plateau, with prospects of a good yield. It is good in the mountains, but harvest will be late.

### COTTON

General improvement in cotton is noted in Piedmont. The boll weevil is doing considerable damage in the southern border counties. Heavy fruiting is reported in spotted localities. Cotton in eastern areas is recovering from the rainy seasons to some extent, with prospects for a better yield than was anticipated. Boll weevil is prevalent over southern half of coastal belt, fruiting poorly in some sections.

### HAY

Generally good all over state for hay and grasses. Continued rains have been favorable to growth of these crops.

### TOBACCO

Tobacco indicates a fair prospect in the northern Piedmont counties. Some good in eastern section but much is very poor there. Curing is well advanced. Too much rain has affected tobacco, as well as other crops.

### TRUCK

Truck is reported to be fair in the mountains. Potatoes are somewhat blighted. Markets flooded in sections of Piedmont, where truck crops are grown. Increased attention attracted to truck in some localities of the Coastal belt. Harvesting is in full swing.

### PASTURES

As with hay, pastures are generally good, due to favorable and wet seasons.

### FRUIT

Frost in the mountains caused irregular fruit crops. Northern Piedmont fruits only fair while Sand Hill section has excellent condition especially peaches. More fruit in eastern belt than usual.

### LIVESTOCK

Increase in cattle in some sections. Good condition in Piedmont and Coastal sections. Good demand for dairy cattle. Reports on hogs show more activity in east,—in fair condition all over the state.

### PROGRESS

Farming is becoming more diversified. Much progress is being made in dairy lines. Farmers have done well in keeping up with their crops, considering the bad weather conditions. Labor is generally plentiful but not efficient. Urban demands hurt the farmer near towns.

—By Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician, North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

## MISS MINA HOLLoman ENTERTAINS ON MONDAY

Miss Mina Holloman delightfully entertained a number of young people of Ahoscie Monday afternoon from four to six at her home on Church street in honor of her nieces, Misses Susie Vann and Sarah Floyd. The main attraction of the afternoon was "Progressive Hearts" in which Miss Faye Gerock was the winner of the prize, and Miss Sarah Floyd received the booby, a bottle of catsup with the wish expressed that the would be more successful next time. Delightful refreshments were served which consisted of a course of fruit salad and fresh fruit.

The Southern Railway System which up to this date has refrained from employing men in their shops to take the places of their force out on strike, has announced that commencing at once they will employ all help available to combat the strike. The president of the road states that it is the only course available for the road to follow under the circumstances.

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

Seven minutes after they had retired the jury in the case of Angus Murphy and Joseph Thomas, negroes charged with criminal assault upon Mrs. A. E. Ketcham, the jury was back in the box and declared to the court that both defendants had been found guilty of rape. Judge Long at once sentenced the guilty men to be executed September 15th. A third negro, John Lee, age 16 years was awarded twelve years in the penitentiary. The crime was committed Friday morning, August 4th upon Mr. and Mrs. Ketcham and infant child as they were in an auto camp near Southern Pines. Mr. Ketcham was shot while he lay asleep, robbed and a criminal assault committed upon his wife. The party was from a New England state and were touring this section of the south.

Several passengers from North Carolina were on trans-continental trains abandoned by striking railroad employees in desert places in Arizona during the past week. This feature of the railroad strike has been largely confined to western states. Engineers, firemen and other employees have been leaving trains as a protest against maintaining armed guards around the railroad shops for the protection of men employed to take the place of men on strike.

R. O. Self, director of coal distribution for the state of North Carolina, headquarters in Raleigh, announced Wednesday that applications had been received for 2,282 cars of coal. All applications are classified by the director upon the basis of the purpose for which the coal is intended. Essential purposes are given preference; under this head come light plants, hospitals etc. The outlook this week for the settlement of the coal strike and coal supply, is much brighter due to the reported partial settlement of the strike in some fields.

Tobacco warehouses of eastern North Carolina selling tobacco at auction have been opening up over the state for the past week. The amount of tobacco sold and the price averages have varied greatly due to the condition of the tobacco, it is reported. Some of the markets have reported as follows for the opening day. Kingston, 400,000 pounds sold which averaged around \$20 per hundred. Greenville, about 500,000 pounds sold averaging \$25. Wilson, 500,000 pounds sold which averaged at from \$25 to \$26 per hundred. Rocky Mount reported sales as around 350,000 pounds at an average of \$22 per hundred. The quality of the offerings is reported to have been poor as a whole, damp weather also helped to keep averages down. Good tobacco brought spirited buying and good prices.

Davidson county will conduct a six-month's free public health dental clinic commencing in September. It is proposed to examine and treat the teeth of about 4,000 school children in the county as a part of the work.

Dr. Edwin E. Jones, age 63 years, a prominent citizen of Rocky Mount, died at his home in that city Sunday morning.

T. H. Shockley, age 74, father of Mrs. Frank Taylor, has been missing from the home of his daughter on Coley Road near Rocky Mount since late Saturday afternoon. All efforts to find the aged man have been without success and grave fears are felt for his safety as he is very feeble and at times mentally deranged.

Rev. Tom P. Jimison, Methodist minister of Spencer, where the big shops of the Southern Railway are located, has been in demand over the state to address assemblies of striking railroad shopmen. Shortly after the strike was called, Rev. Jimison created a sensation by energetically taking the sides of the strikers. Since then requests have come in for him to address other meetings of strikers over the state and it has even been proposed to make him State President of the North Carolina Federation of Labor.

The notorious "Hill House" located in New Bern is to be torn down. The chief of the Fire Department made an inspection of the place last week and ordered that it be razed. The house is a large one and stands in the heart of the residential section of New Bern opposite the court house. The place is a very old one and has long been

associated with vice and crime and was the scene of a double murder and suicide in April of this year.

A force of sixty men have been at work for the past three months drilling holes, digging excavations, etc. in the face of Rocky Face Mountain located in Alexander county. The operations are in charge of the Hiddenite Granite Company. The blast was set off Thursday afternoon and clouds of stones weighing as much as ten and twenty tons were hurled as high as 500 feet in the air. Six tons of black powder was set off at one time in the 500 holes which had been drilled. The granite company is engaged in shipping stone for curbing, ballast, monumental and other purposes.

Bishop John C. Kilgo, long a prominent and noted figure in the Methodist Conference of North Carolina and the south, a distinguished preacher and a prominent educator, died Friday morning at his home near Charlotte. Bishop Kilgo had been critically ill for about two months and his death was not unexpected. He was sixty-one years of age having been born in Laurens, S. C. in 1861. Bishop Kilgo entered the ministry when twenty-one years of age and was made a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1910.

The city of Rocky Mount is contemplating the expenditure of the sum of \$750,000 in paving, laying large water and sewer mains and otherwise improving Main street of that city.

Lewis Poffer, a white farmer living four miles from LaGrange was shot with two charges of buckshot while watching his tobacco barn Saturday night. One charge of shot struck him in the face and the other in his thigh. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the crime. It is thought the wounded man will recover.

Sunday School workers of Warren county concluded an enthusiastic two-day program at Norfolk Sunday. Two hundred delegates representing fifteen Sunday Schools constitute the organization known as the Warren County Sunday School Association. The county president reported the best meeting held in years.

The postmaster at Goldsboro reports an increase of 22 per cent in the receipts of that office for the months of April, May, June and July of this year.

Catawba county democrats held an enthusiastic meeting last Saturday, named a county ticket and in addition announced that Catawba county would be reclaimed for the Democratic party this year and would again join her place in line. The meeting was equal to meetings of the old days when nomination on the Democratic ticket in Catawba county was equivalent to election.

A negro man, Charlie Tillman of Concord, was instantly killed in an automobile accident on the Greensboro-High Point road Monday morning. The car which he was driving turned over breaking his neck and crushing his skull. A second negro was in the car at the time of the accident, whether he was injured or not is unknown as he disappeared immediately after the accident and has not been located.

Greensboro leads all cities of North Carolina in building operations for the first six months of 1922. The total amount represented in building permits equals \$3,158,000; Charlotte comes second with an amount of \$2,062,000. Only three cities in the south exceeded Greensboro, they were Washington, D. C., Kansas City, and St. Louis.

After a heated session of the City Council, Edgar H. Bain, City Manager of Goldsboro tendered his resignation which was accepted. The city manager had requested the discharge of two policemen, it was his request that precipitated the row. The City Manager gave it as his opinion that the Goldsboro police department was rotten from the assistant chief down.

The monthly report of the Prohibition Director R. A. Kohloss for July was made public this week. The reports shows that 110 stills were captured, about 100,000 gallons of liquors poured out and ninety-one persons arrested. Property seized was valued at about \$35,000.