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HOW STATE FUND WORKS IS TOLD BY MR. BRITTON

Supt. Britton Explains Discrepancy Between County Appropriations

EACH COUNTY GIVEN ENOUGH FOR A SIX MONTHS TERM OF SCHOOL

Based Upon Amount Of Taxes Produced By A 30 Cents Levy On Property

As the question has been raised as to why Hertford County does not receive as much from the State Equalizing Fund as some other counties, I am asking the editor of the Herald to publish a statement which I prepared and read to the County Board of Education, and others, the first Monday in September, explaining how the Equalizing Fund is distributed, which statement follows:

The Statement

The Constitution of North Carolina requires that there shall be a six months school in every school district in the state, in the counties with small wealth as well as the richer counties.

In order that the counties with small wealth may have a six months' school without excessive taxation, the state set aside a fund sufficient to bring up all such counties to a six months' term, which fund is known as the Equalizing Fund.

But before any county can draw from the Equalizing Fund, the county must raise a salary fund equal to the amount which 30 cents would raise on the 1920 valuation of property. The 30 cent levy in some counties would raise enough money to run the schools the full six months, while in others it would not raise much more than half enough.

If no county had reduced the 1920 valuation of property, all the counties would be levying not more than 30 cents, but many counties reduced the 1920 valuation one-fifth, one-fourth, one-third, etc., among these counties is Hertford, having reduced its 1920 valuation one-third. This is why one county is required to have one rate of taxation and another county another rate before they can draw from the Equalizing Fund. The 1920 valuation of the property of Hertford county was around fifteen and a half million dollars which at a 30 cent rate would raise around \$47,000, whereas the reduced valuation was a little over eleven million dollars which required a 43 cent rate to raise around \$47,000.

Counties that pay high salaries get more from the Equalizing Fund than those that pay low salaries, provided, they do not pay more than the state schedule allows.

Hence it can be seen that no county can draw more from the Equalizing Fund than the difference between what the county raises for salaries and what it pays out for salaries and for the transportation of school children. The number of school children in a county has nothing to do with the distribution of the State Equalizing Fund.

N. W. BRITTON, County Superintendent.

NEGRO WHO KILLED CHAPPEL IS CAUGHT

HE WAS ATTENDING BIG NEGRO FESTIVAL AT SPEED—NOW IN JAIL AT JACKSON

Charlie Lawrence, negro who killed Herman Chappel on a Roanoke river farm near Rich Square last February, was nabbed by Constable R. B. Lassiter at Speed, Monday night. He was immediately taken into custody and taken to the Northampton jail at Jackson, where he is now lodged awaiting the action of the grand jury.

Lawrence was attending a negro revival or festival when Constable Lassiter caught him. Chappel was shot to death by the negro, following an altercation between the two which took place on one of the large river farms of which Chappel had just been made manager. Although hunted for several days and nights immediately after the shooting, Lawrence eluded the posse and made his getaway.

Shape Has Much To Do With Selecting The Hat

Women Advised To Use Care In Selecting Hats To Conform With Size Of Face

Hat Construction
Since the most difficult part of home millinery is getting becoming shapes, it is best to use some becoming shape that has been on hand, or alter some commercial shape that is becoming. We must not wear a special shape because we happen to think it stylish, for we cannot change the shape of our faces, in general, the height of the hat should be not more than the depth of the face from the eyebrows to the chin. The width of the hat should never be more than three times that of the wearer's face from the eyebrows to the chin, including ears and hair at the sides of the face.

Choice Of Hats

When choosing a hat for all round wear, be sure to select a neutral color, one that will go with the clothes on hand. It is extravagant to buy an expensive red hat when one's best dress is purple. Often an unbecoming hat can be made attractive by the use of colored facings. Women who can not wear white, black or colored hats may find them possible by the addition of facings of cream white, grey, flesh, rose, or blue.

When seen from the side, the lines from the crown of the hat should not extend beyond the line of the forehead nor beyond the hair in the hair in the back. If the hair extends far in the back, the hat should come between the head and the end of the hair in order to properly balance with the spinal column.

Hat crowns in general should not be wider than the face and the hair.

Millinery "Don't's"

Don't wear an unbecoming hat because it is fashionable.

Don't over trim.

Don't be extreme.

Don't wear a very large hat if you are short. It will make you look shorter.

Don't wear a tight close hat if you are tall. It will make you look taller.

Don't wear an unbecoming color because it is fashionable.

Millinery "Do's"

Always buy a hat that makes you better looking.

Always select a color that is good on you.

Always choose a shape that brings out your good points.

Always consider the clothes on hand in selecting your hat.

Always select a hat suited to your mode of life.

Always buy good materials and trimmings.

Always study millinery in the best shops.

Always practice to become proficient in choosing and making your hats.

FARM DEMONSTRATOR HEADED FOR ROCKS

Retrenchment will be the program of Hertford County's next boards of county and highway commissioners is the belief of those in close touch with the situation. Among the things scheduled for the dump heap is the office of County Farm Demonstrator, and possibly the Home Demonstrator. That an attempt to abolish the former office will be made is practically certain.

There may be an attempt to block the sale of additional road bonds. At least that is the belief of some. To confirm the rumor some point to the action of one or two commissioners in advocating the sale of the \$200,000 bonds unsold as having been prompted by a belief that the next board would attempt to prevent further sales.

The HERALD does not give out this information as facts, although it is rumor that refuses to be downed.

C. P. Gaston, former tax collector of Buncombe County, who was recently sentenced to four years on the roads for embezzlement, will serve his time at some other place than the state prison. On account of his bad health he will be sent to a more healthful place.

HERTFORD COUNTY WILL HELP BUILD OLD BOONE BRIDGE

Road Commissioners Decide To Pay Part Of Costs Of Structure

BOYKINS MEN PRESENT TO URGE BOARD TO OFFER ASSISTANCE

Little Chance To Do Anything Except To Listen To Complaints

Boone's bridge, that grand old structure that has stood for ages and over which our forefathers have traveled these many years, will not be abandoned by Hertford County. That much was decided Monday morning by the county road commissioners. The board at a former meeting had voted to discontinue further appropriations to keep up the bridge.

Boykins, Virginia, sent up a couple of its citizens to plead with the board, and several others from the neighborhood added weight to the argument by their presence. Attorney John E. Vann of Winton, admitted in the beginning that he had never seen the bridge, made a appealing speech for the continuance of county support. His eloquence, reaching its height in the peroration, moved the board to a sense of duty: a motion was passed offering to help Northampton County in rebuilding the bridge, at an amount not to exceed \$600 total cost. The costs will be divided between the two counties in direct proportion to the number of taxpayers in each county.

Catching its breath momentarily between complaints for damages, the board also ratified the action of the county commissioners in borrowing \$17,500 for bridge and road construction, voted to send its county road force to Cofield to construct a road according to judicial orders, and ordered the convict camp retained at its present location. The rest of the day was spent in listening to complaints against the road board for damages and examining Superintendent Hines' pay rolls for the month of August. Slightly more than ten thousand dollars were spent on the county roads in August.

Attorney L. J. Lawrence of Murfreesboro, president of the United Telephone Company, appeared before the board to ask \$180 damages to poles and wires during the last three months. The board could not "see" Mr. Lawrence on his proposition. The matter was referred to attorney W. D. Boone, the board's attorney, for an opinion and the final decision deferred to the next regular meeting of the board in October.

POWELLVILLE SCHOOL HAS A BIG OPENING

Community Club Was Reorganized In The Afternoon After Ahoskie Won Ball Game

September 5th the people showed their interest by the largest attendance of the opening exercises in the history of the school.

Supt. H. W. Early made an interesting talk in the morning and Miss Helen Wolfley, the music teacher, rendered several vocal and instrumental selections.

The delightful and tempting picnic dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In the afternoon the Community League was reorganized, and though the "Tar Heel Juniors" of Ahoskie won the game over the Powellville Grade School Juniors, we considered the day quite a success.

RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY

Twenty-two dollars net profit was made by the young ladies of the Methodist Church last Saturday from the returns of a rummage sale of old clothes. An improvised bargain counter was erected on a vacant lot on Main street, where a large stock of old clothing was sold at bargain prices.

The sale was in charge of Mrs. Paul Dukes and Mrs. Howard Basnight. Clothing was donated by many members of the church. Through the sale of chocolate candies Mesdames Dukes and Basnight are adding to the fund being raised for the new church building.

Bertie County To Stage Celebration October 3d

200th Birthday Comes October 2 And All-Day Program Will Be Arranged For Next Day

Bertie County is planning to stage a big celebration on the occasion of its 200th birthday. On October 2nd, two hundred years ago the county was first formed. At that time it embraced a much larger territory than at present, several of the eastern counties being offsprings of Bertie.

Tuesday, October 3rd, will be the big day. Charity Lodge of Masons also will help to make it a big day in the annals of Bertie. October 2nd is the fiftieth birthday of the organization.

Judge Francis Winston is already seeking to have the Navy Department furnish a band for the day; and, at a meeting held in Windsor, last Thursday night, committees were appointed and the plans outlined for the occasion.

Among the things to be reviewed and depicted in the celebration, which will possibly take the form of a pageant, will be:

Every Masonic lodge in the county representing some historical or educational event.

Every church in the county representing some incident of religious development.

All fraternal orders and societies presenting proper incidents in the developments of the fraternal idea.

All societies and clerks to take part in any phase of life they see fit to present.

DEATH RATE HIGH IN THIS COUNTY

Hertford Is Better Baby Producer Than Bertie—Northampton Leads Both Counties In Births

There were only fourteen counties in the State having a higher death rate than Hertford County, in the year 1921. Two hundred and five deaths were recorded in the county in that period, 73 being whites and 132 negroes. The death rate, according to the 1,000 population was 12.4 per cent.

In the light of the percentage of negroes in the county the record ranks as one of the best in the state. In every county where there is a large negro population the total percentage is slightly higher than in the western counties, where the population is almost solely made up of whites. The death rate among negroes, according to the official figures, is higher than among the whites.

When it comes to raising babies, Hertford is trailing thirty-eight other counties in the State. However, the 1921 birth rate in this county exceeds the state average by 1.1 per cent, the figures being: state average, 33.4; Hertford County, 34.5.

Hertford is a better baby producer than Bertie County, where only thirty-three new citizens were born to every 1,000 population. In Northampton a larger percentage of youngsters were born than Hertford or Bertie. The rate was 37.7 out of the 1,000. Gates County is tied with Hertford in the baby production.

All three of the neighboring counties have a smaller death rate than Hertford. The figures are: Bertie, 11.8; Gates, 8.0; and Northampton, 10.8.

Tuberculosis Most Fatal

Of those who died in this county, above the age of five, twenty-eight died of tuberculosis. This disease took the largest toll of any other single disease, the total deaths being twenty-eight. Twenty-two of these were negroes and six white.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Approximately seventy-five have signed up as members of the Ahoskie Chamber of Commerce, an organization now in the process of development. V. D. Strickland, who has waged a strenuous campaign for members, says there is little doubt about securing the 100 signers. "All it takes is a little work," says Mr. Strickland, who has devoted much of his spare time to the membership campaign. Within a few days the additional twenty-five members will be secured, and a meeting called for final organization.

Ahoskie School Opens; Rooms Are Inadequate

NEGRO TELLS HOW TO SAVE DOCTOR'S BILLS

"When he saw I warn't going to be able to pay him, Dr. Harrell, he told me what kind of medicine to buy so dat he wouldn't have to come to see me no more," said one of the Murfreesboro Township negroes last Monday when he appeared before the board of road commissioners at Winton. He was pleading with the board to be excused from road duty on account of physical disability.

After telling the board he was unable to do heavy work, a few questions popped by members of the board elicited the information that no physician had attended him since "winter before last."

Mr. B. N. Sykes, one of the commissioners, then wanted to know how it was that he was sick and unable to do heavy work, but never had any physician. The negro told him how it was done.

Combat Weevil by Larger Production of Good Stock

Extension Service Advises Farmers To Sow Permanent Pastures And Build Fences

To combat the ravages of the boll weevil and at the same time put into actual practice the raising of more and better livestock is a special feature of the agricultural extension work in eastern Carolina. "As a beginning," says Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director of extension, "permanent pastures and more and better fences are being advocated."

That it is necessary to do something to solve this problem in the cotton counties of the state is the opinion of all the leading farmers and agriculturists and it is agreed that the business of producing more and better livestock is the solution. To raise livestock requires permanent pastures, which in turn means the building of fences.

Farm demonstrators in all eastern counties are now pushing these projects and it is hoped that every family in these counties will cooperate in every way—not only by attending the meetings as they are held, but by buying purebred pigs, getting a family cow, and furnishing green succulent feed for these animals by planting a permanent pasture.

The extension service has issued two circulars, number 17 on "Grass Mixtures for N. C. Pastures," and number 118 on "Farm Fencing," copies of which may be had by writing the Agricultural Editor, Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

COTTON PICKING HAS BEGUN IN THE COUNTY

Dry Weather As Helped Bolls To Open—Good Price May Help Poor Crop

The advance cotton pickers are taking the field this week, and the 1922 cotton harvest is under way. The hot, dry weather prevailing during the last ten days has helped to whiten the fields. With a 65 per cent average crop in the county farmers will take no chances on leaving any of it in the fields.

Several weeks of wet weather during the growing season caused the stalks to fill pretty thoroughly with sap, and the dry conditions lately have started the leaves shedding, with some of the younger "forms" also falling from the stalks.

Plenty of help for harvesting the crop is available, but it is rather difficult to secure on the farms. The same condition exists in practically every section of the State, says the crop reporting service of the department of agriculture.

If prices for cotton remain at the present level or better, farmers expect to realize normal receipts for the crop this year. Any decline in the price will mean a poor return, and will make the 1922 crop a non-profit business.

SEVENTH GRADE PUPILS NOW TAUGHT IN AUDITORIUM WITH OPERA SEATS AS DESKS

Many Patrons Are on Hand

Devotional Exercises Followed By Talk By Dr. C. G. Powell and K. T. Raynor

AIMS OF AHOSKIE SCHOOL

1. To build up character in boys and girls.
2. To give a thorough course in all subjects this year.
3. To specialize in physical education, by setting up exercises, plays and games for little folks, and baseball and basket ball for high school students.
4. To organize a live Parent-Teachers' Association.
5. To organize literary societies for the development of oratory and debate among the high school boys and girls.
6. To edit one page every week in our HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD.
7. To begin student government on small scale as an experiment.
8. To give dramatic, and musical programs from time to time, teaching pupils poise and dignity on the stage.
9. To make this the greatest school in every way in the Roanoke-Chowan section.

Three hundred and three boys and girls entered the Ahoskie High School Monday morning. Fourteen others have been added to the rolls since that time, making a total of 317, or the largest enrollment in the school's history.

Lack of rooms, and insufficient desks threaten to seriously hamper the work of instruction. It was easily recognized at the opening Monday morning that the two school buildings were inadequate to meet the demand. With a section of the auditorium partitioned in order to provide an additional class room, and every other room in both buildings filled with pupils, Miss Mina Holloman is compelled to instruct the seventh grade students in the main auditorium, with opera chairs taking the place of desks.

Opening Exercises
Many patrons accompanied their children to the school Monday morning, and remained for the short opening exercises. Nearly all the trustees were present and occupied seats on the stage, together with Superintendent K. T. Raynor and Rev. E. J. Isenhower, pastor of the Baptist church.

A short devotional service led by Reverend Isenhower was followed by talks by Dr. C. G. Powell for the trustees, and Superintendent Raynor for the school. The two former stressed the importance of development through schools and warned the young boys and girls against any slackening of desires for thorough training in its three-fold nature, intellectually, morally, and physically.

Superintendent Raynor gave a brief history of the development of education in North Carolina; and a summary of the aims of education. Changes in text-books, elective courses offered and other essential facts about the Ahoskie school were also given by Mr. Raynor. He concluded his speech by naming nine aims for which the local school will strive during 1922.

U. D. C. Present Flag
Mrs. J. N. Vann presented the school a beautifully designed flag of North Carolina. She gave it in behalf of the Ahoskie Chapter of the U. D. C.

MOTORISTS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Spain of Richmond, Va., spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Phaup. They motored from their home to Ahoskie, leaving this week for Wilmington to visit the brother of Mrs. Spain and Mrs. Phaup. On their return trip a short stop was made here Wednesday. After reaching Richmond they will motor to Blacksburg, where their son will enter V. P. I. for his fourth and final year.