

BOLL WEEVIL HAS HIT THIS COUNTY

The Pest Is Here And Farmers Must Begin To Fight Him

MORE HOGS MUST BE PRODUCED AS REMEDY

BY H. L. MILLER

The long talked of and much dreaded pest, the cotton boll weevil has finally made his way into Hertford County. In spite of the prediction of many, that the weevil couldn't survive this far north, he is here, and he is here in numbers, and he is here to stay so long as we grow cotton, and the quicker we realize this and face the facts in the case in a business-like way, the better off we will all be.

Fifteen years ago when the weevil appeared in Mississippi, very little was known about effective means of control of this pest, and the writer saw lands that had been producing two bales of cotton per acre, reduced to the production of two or three hundred pounds of seed cotton per acre. This sort of blow almost paralyzed the farming industry of Mississippi for a few years, but we were finally almost starved into stock raising and diversified farming and of course it's a matter of history now that those states down there regard the boll weevil as a benefactor and some of them have erected monuments to the weevil. Those states down there are more prosperous than before the weevil came, but they owe their prosperity to livestock and diversified farming.

It isn't necessary for the farmer here in Hertford County to go it blindly as we had to in Mississippi 15 years ago. A great deal of work has been done since then in finding out how to best combat the weevil. You can take advantage of what the farmer farther south had to learn in the school of experience. If you wish to learn in the school of experience, it's your privilege, but you will find it a pretty expensive course.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture maintains an experiment station and field laboratory in Louisiana for the sole purpose of developing ways and means of controlling the weevil. This information is distributed largely through the agricultural extension service of the different states. The closer you keep in touch with your agricultural extension service for the next two years or three years, and the closer you follow the advice given, the better off financially you are going to be, for to make such control measures as the calcium arsenate spray effective, you must not only know what to do, but, how, and when. If your land won't make upwards of a bale of cotton per acre, then you had better leave cotton off entirely for it costs just as much to control the weevil on a poor acre as it does on a good acre, and it wouldn't leave you any profit on the poor acre.

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Governor Morrison recently said in Windsor that "hogs meant more to the life of North Carolina than statesmen." He is a whole lot nearer right than some of our petty reformer politicians would like to agree. Hogs are being produced at 5 to 6 cents per pound. Right today with proper feed. Hogs sell for 10 to 12 cents per pound on hoof there is more money in it than in cotton at 20 cents with the boll weevil especially. Investigate this and find out your possibilities.

NEGRO FAIR HAVING LIBERAL PATRONAGE

Great crowds of negroes are attending the second annual fair of the Atlantic District Fair Association this week. Agricultural exhibits are larger, and better this year than last year, and last year's fast race results are being bettered on the newly repaired track. Fourteen additional stalls have been provided for the horses entered this year.

The J. L. Cronin Carnival is holding forth on the busy midway. There has been little if any disturbance on the part of the negro patrons of the fair grounds, although plenty of liquor has been circulating among the whites who have freely patronized the "Forty-Niners" at night.

PARENT-TEACHERS HAVE STRONG ORGANIZATION

Miss Mina Holloman President Of Association For School Betterment

Miss Mina Holloman, who has been one of the foremost and most active leaders in all things educational at Ahoskie for several years, has been selected to pilot the new Parent-Teachers Association. Other officers of the Association who will assist Miss Holloman in the work are: Secretary - Professor T. R. Bain Treasurer - Attorney L. C. Williams

The Association met last Friday night in the high school auditorium to complete its organization. In addition to the already large membership, others were received at the meeting and the dues for ensuing year were collected.

Miss Bessie Gaddy was elected chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; Miss Emily Gayle, chairman of Program Committee; Mrs. J. G. Camp, chairman of Social Committee; Professor K. T. Raynor, chairman Publicity Committee; and Mrs. George J. Newbern, Chairman Membership Committee. Other members of the several committees will be selected by the chairman and will be notified of the appointment.

The constitution and by-laws of the Parent-Teachers Association as adopted at the meeting last Friday night are as follows:

Constitution of Ahoskie Parent-Teachers Association

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be called the Ahoskie Parent-Teacher Association.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Its purpose is to study and improve conditions affecting child life, to create a better understanding between parents and teachers, and to promote in general the interest of education.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Any one interested in the purpose of this organization is qualified for membership.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, elected annually in March for the ensuing school year. They perform the duties that usually devolve upon such officers.

Section 2. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Board

Section 1. The officers and chairman of standing committees, together with the school superintendent, shall constitute the executive board.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on first Friday of each school month from September to May, inclusive.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the president when necessary.

Section 3. Public notice of all meetings shall be given to members.

Section 4. No regular meeting shall exceed one hour.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

The chairman of standing committees shall be named by the president. The following committees shall be standing committees:

1. Program.
2. Publicity.
3. Membership.
4. Social.
5. Ways and means.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be adopted by a majority vote after they have been proposed at a previous meeting.

RECEIVE CARLOAD FORDS

George J. Newbern & Co., local dealers for the Ford Motor Co., received a carload of Fords this week. Last week a \$50 reduction on all models was announced by the dealers.

BIG SALE OF TOBACCO

Both auction warehouses were filled with tobacco Tuesday morning. It was one of the largest sales held here this season. The price for good tobacco is holding up good.

EXCHANGE MAKES BIG SALE OF NUTS

Deal Approximates Quarter Million Dollars; Largest On Record

WILL PAY MEMBERS STORAGE CHARGES

The Peanut Growers Exchange of Norfolk announces that the biggest sale of peanuts ever recorded in the history of the peanut industry in this section was made last week by its Sales Department, to the Planters Nut Chocolate Company, the well known manufacturers of Planters Brand of peanut and peanut products. This big deal represents approximately one-quarter million dollars and it will take most of the peanuts held by the Exchange to fill this big order.

The making of this big sale of old peanuts so near the end of the season is a fine index to the general tone of the peanut market. With the great decrease in acreage this year and the general shortage of the 1922 crop, the prospects now are most favorable for a decided advance in the prices of peanuts in the near future.

A most interesting feature in connection with this big sale is the fact that it makes possible for the Exchange to pay its grower members about \$60,000 on peanuts stored by them, at home, and also the payment of about \$45,000 to those growers who delivered Spanish peanuts, as a further payment on the same.

In connection with the recent activities of the Exchange a matter of great importance to the growers is stockholders meeting to be held at the Academy of Music in Suffolk, the legal residence of the Exchange, Wednesday, November 1st. The special object of this meeting is for the members to approve such change in the incorporation of the Exchange as will make it possible for this growers organization to have the full benefit of the new Co-operative Marketing Law of Virginia. This change, which will most probably be adopted, will in no wise change the grower's contract with his organization, which is binding for a period of seven years, and will make possible a great increase in members as the growers will be permitted to join by the payment of a \$3.00 membership fee instead of having to subscribe for a share of common stock of the par value of \$50.00.

AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY BEST EVER ON EXHIBIT

About Twelve Counties Were Represented at State Fair; Buncombe Leader

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—The State Fair held at Raleigh last week will go down in history as the greatest agricultural display ever held in North Carolina, according to Director B. W. Kilgore of the Experiment Station and Extension Service. Dr. Kilgore and his associates, together with the county home and farm demonstration agents, took a leading part in making the fair a success insofar as the educational side was concerned, and visitors last week were impressed with the great value of the fair from this standpoint.

About twelve counties made the county exhibits. Buncombe won the first prize, Alamance second, and the third went to Cleveland, with the others down to ten participating in the prize money. The community exhibits were more numerous than before, with the Alexander Wilson Community of Alamance County in first place, the Calypso Community of Duplin County second, and the Fairview Community of Wake winning third money. Individual farm honors went to John S. Davis of the County of Wake, W. Henry Sharpe of Guilford, and E. J. Howell of Haywood in the order named.

The livestock display was even greater than the field crops. There were more Jersey cattle shown than all dairy breeds put together on last year. All breeds of beef cattle, the sheep, swine and horses and mules were represented. Additional tents had to be put up to house the overflow from the regular barns and the sheds. This show of livestock is an indication of the increasing interest in this phase of farming in N. C.

THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY WEEK IN COUNTY COURT

Robertson Damage Suit Being Tried Today; Thursday; Calendar Cleared

Having postponed the entire calendar for this week, Hertford County Superior Court has been busy grinding out minor civil cases which were all originally set for the first week of this term. The calendar was re-arranged one day last week. On Wednesday of this week, at noon, the court recessed for the rest of the day after having disposed of all cases on the calendar up until that time.

Tuesday was perhaps the busiest day of the week, seven or eight jury trials being heard on that day. Several others were compromised, and when 10 o'clock Wednesday morning came, the court found itself without work to do unless it began on Thursday's calendar.

One litigant had his case non-suited Wednesday morning, when Judge Horton was advised that he (the litigant) had preferred to stop down town for lunch rather than come to the courthouse and prosecute his case.

When court convened Thursday morning, both sides in the Robertson damage suit were ready for trial. J. H. Robertson of Ahoskie is suing J. N. Vann, Roberts Jernigan, and Dr. L. K. Walker for a total sum of \$15,000, alleged damages done to him in August, 1921, following Robertson's forcible trespass in the home of Dr. Walker.

This is the third case arising out of the unfortunate occurrence, and, like the two previous cases is attracting considerable attention, on account of the prominence of the parties involved. A large array of legal talent is representing both sides.

With a young army of witnesses on hand to recite the affair, attorneys standing by to enlarge on the issues involved, and with the stage all set for another session of charges and counter charges in Ahoskie's notorious contribution to the criminal courts of Hertford and Gates counties, a compromise was effected in Robertson against Vann, Jernigan, and Walker. The defendants will pay the costs of the action, and Robertson will get no damage money.

Court will probably adjourn this term on Friday. The next session will be in February, 1923.

SERIOUS RESULTS FROM ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

The Presence of Venereal Diseases Often Causes Tragedy to Family

(Special to the Herald)

Raleigh, Oct. 26.—Syphilis does not halt for kind hearts. Infection from this loathsome disease may reasonably be expected as one of the possible results of adoption of children through irregular channels, however well-intentioned the prospective-parents may be. This is the opinion of officials of the State Board of Public Welfare who recently have had brought to their attention a case in point which occurred in one of the Eastern counties when both foster-mother and wet-nurse contracted syphilis from an infected baby which had been adopted from a deserted and probably immoral mother without authority and merely by surreptitious agreement.

Such a tragedy would, in all probability, have been avoided. Public Welfare officials are free to say that. The State law says in this regard that no child shall be removed from its mother under six months after its birth without permission of the Clerk of the Court or the County Health Officer, the child was already in its foster home where it was a source of contagion to innocent and well-meaning persons. Had the foster-parents applied for permission to adopt the baby, the case would probably have been put in the hands of the County Superintendent of Public Welfare, a logical person to handle it.

The story of what happened is sad enough. A man and his wife, people of excellent character and standing in their community had for a very long time been anxious to adopt a baby girl. They had been informed by a physician that a young woman patient

Seeking Secretary For Chamber Of Commerce

WHO'S WHO AMONG WOMEN IN COUNTY

(BY MISS MYRTLE SWINDELL)

Mrs. B. N. Sykes' fruit cake is being mailed to points far beyond the county boundary. "She makes the best fruit cake I ever tasted," says Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon of Raleigh. "Please give her an order for my Christmas cake."

Mrs. W. D. McGlohon of Cofield, the woman who exhibited home-made oxford shoes last year at the County Fair, has clipped the wool from her own sheep and will exhibit suits of clothes made by her own hand at the Fair this year.

Mrs. A. G. Otwell will exhibit at the County Fair a splendid line of baskets, lamps, etc., made by herself.

Mrs. P. H. Taylor of Winton is the preserve, marmalade, and jam lady. She will exhibit a variety of thirteen kinds in standard jars.

Mrs. E. Britt of Mapleton will give us a beautiful display of sun cooked fruits and candy this year at the Fair.

Mrs. J. A. Wiggins will display an unusual exhibit of packs in thrift jars.

Miss Willie Sue Matthews is especially successful with tomato ketchup.

Miss Mary Sykes is the cucumber pickle girl of Harrellsville girl's club.

Miss Myra Scull has so far packed the most beautiful container of string beans in the girls' clubs of the county.

Misses Thelma and Bessie Story of Woodrow have packed beautiful green tomato pickles.

Miss Ivey Vinson, Tennille Williams and Julia Hoggard of Cofield have packed an exhibit of thirty-six jars to take to the County Fair.

Miss Julia Downs of Cofield has a splendid jar of butter beans to show the public at the Fair.

Mrs. H. W. Greene from Horton's School will show a collection of beautiful baskets at the Fair.

Misses Bessie Grissom and Blanche Fairless from Christian Harbor are making splendid jelly.

Miss Ruth Thomas and the club at Bethlehem are preparing an exhibit for the County Fair.

Mrs. B. Scull has kindly given the County Home Demonstration Agent the use of a jar of fruit salad to show the women in the county. She makes it as follows:

- 2 qts. of pears (cut in cubes)
 - 1 qt. of apples, (cut in cubes)
 - 1 qt. of pineapple, (cut in cubes)
 - 3 cups of sugar
- Add the pineapple juice and a little water, place on stove and let come to the boiling point. Seal at once in sterilized jars.

of his whose husband had deserted her was expecting to be confined. And whereupon, the prospective father had a lawyer draw up papers for formal surrender of the child which the young woman signed. The doctor had advertised the fact that, because she had been deserted and was unable to work, the mother would have to give away her child as soon after its birth as possible. But he had failed to advertise any suspicions of syphilitic infection which he may have had good reason to entertain.

Twenty-four hours after the birth of the baby who was, to all appearances, a fine child, she had been received into her new home, to the very great satisfaction of her foster-parents who planned to give her every advantage. About a month later, the baby developed symptoms of syphilis. Definite diagnosis of the disease came too late to forestall infection of both foster-mother and wet-nurse, the former being afflicted by the disease in a most virulent form.

Naturally enough, the foster-parents no longer wish to keep in their home the child, who, though innocently brought such horrible contamination there. So the baby was resigned to the care of the Superintendent of Public Welfare—but too late for the Superintendent to do anything more than try to find another (and probably less fortunate) home for the child after cure had been pronounced. Because of such history, it will be difficult to place the baby.

SEVERAL APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND CONFERENCES ARRANGED. \$2,500 GUARANTEED FOR ORGANIZATION DURING FIRST YEAR

Foreign Firms Are Donating Other Chambers Of Commerce Volunteer To Assist In Work Here

When the directors of the Ahoskie chamber of commerce met last night approximately \$2200 was in sight for the promotion of the organization during its first year. The directors have been actively at work since the chamber came into life seeking to secure a minimum of \$2,500 before employing a full time secretary. Although the goal has not been reached, the directors have pledged their faith in Ahoskie by guaranteeing that amount, and are now arranging conferences with several applicants for the position of secretary.

One hundred and three have signed up as members of the chamber of commerce, and have paid the \$15 fee. Other individuals are looked upon as probable members, and many will come into the organization "as soon as they see it functioning". The directors believe they will lose nothing by guaranteeing what is now lacking in the amount desired, although they expect to see it go even if it becomes necessary for them to put up the money.

In addition to the individual members, the two Ahoskie banks, Barnes-Sawyer Grocery Company, The Ahoskie Department Store and Garrett & Jernigan have made appropriations to the chamber totalling \$195.

Temporary Secretary James I. Crawford and President V. D. Strickland have mailed several letters to foreign concerns who are given a large volume of business in Ahoskie, requesting donations to the chamber. Several have already responded, while advices have not been received from others. Those who have already sent checks to the secretary are: J. W. Perry & Company, Norfolk, Va., \$25; Jones, Son & Company, Norfolk, Va., \$25; Swift & Co., Baltimore, \$15.00.

One of the most encouraging features of the effort Ahoskie is exerting towards community betterment and industrial expansion through the promotion of a chamber of commerce is the unanimity of the responses, entirely voluntary, that have come to the chamber from secretaries, presidents, and officials of the chambers throughout the State. Every letter received—and there are many of them—has congratulated Ahoskie on the step taken, and offers to render any assistance possible in making the local organization carry through a constructive program.

A typical letter is the one received from the Raleigh chamber of commerce which reads: "It has come to our attention that you have just recently come into the Chamber of Commerce work in North Carolina and I am glad to send you this word of greeting and welcome. It is our pleasure to be of service to the men throughout the State at all times and hope that if there is any service which this office can render, you will call upon us."

Another letter received from Norman Y. Chambliss, Rocky Mount, secretary of North Carolina Commercial Secretaries Association reads: "I note with interest that the business men of Ahoskie have organized a Chamber of Commerce, and I am taking this opportunity to assure you that the North Carolina Commercial Secretaries Association welcomes Ahoskie into this field of work, believing that your community will be greatly benefited by such organization. I want to say to you that you must feel free to call on me at any time I can be of any service to your organization."

Other letters similar in tone have been received from chambers of commerce.

A full-time secretary will soon be employed, and, his coming here will be the signal for real work. However, the directors are not waiting for (Continued on page 2.)