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THE HEALTH OFFICER

Does Hertford County really need a health officer whose sole duty it shall be to attend to the business of preventing diseases? Is there any work for such an officer to do? Were the county commissioners justified in appropriating money for the salary of such an officer? All of these questions are vital, timely, since Hertford County commissioners have already authorized the Board of Health to secure such an officer.

There is a little bit of news in another column of the HERALD that partially answers these questions, and maybe it is of sufficient significance to warrant answering them all in the affirmative. It is a communication from the State Association for the prevention of Tuberculosis, and the very first paragraph says tuberculosis is on the increase in Hertford County.

It was in recent years that medical men told the world it could prevent the contraction of tuberculosis; and since the fact was made general knowledge there has been time, effort, and money expended in trying to lessen the number of tuberculosis sufferers. Progress has been made here in North Carolina—other sections have employed health officers and spent money to prevent spread of this disease and, according to this same report, the State as a whole has made wonderful progress. But, what about Hertford County? It has gone backwards.

This is only one of the common diseases with which a health officer must deal, but it serves to give us a perspective of what may be true of the general health conditions of our County.

If we can spend money to curb and kill the cattle tick, to look after our hogs, and poultry, and to produce better farm products, there's something lacking in our county administration if money is withheld when human lives are at stake.

Editorially the HERALD has never printed a word of discouragement for co-operative marketing of farm products. It has, on the other hand, many times over said the present dumping system was unsatisfactory, and that it either needed doctoring or should be overthrown, unless it were changed to a better advantage for the farmer. Some of the paper's friends have accused it of "taking sides", against the Co-Ops. The accusation is without any foundation or fact. Reference to the newspaper's files are open to show the falseness of any such indictment.

The old world is all right. The swing of the pendulum is steady, and turns back with its accustomed regularity. The United States, or a large portion of it, tired of Woodrow Wilson and the Democrat party. Voters suavely went to

the polls and registered their disapproval in 1920—the Jeffersonian party went down under an avalanche, and the G. O. P. took up the reins of government. Tuesday a boulder—not quite so large as the one in 1920—came sliding down upon many of the Republican officeholders, and Democrats will take their places. "We want a change" was no more true in 1920 than it is in 1922. It's just human nature; and it may not be a bad idea at that, remembering the old proverb about "a fool never changes."

WHO'S WHO AMONG WOMEN OF COUNTY

(By Miss Myrtle Swindell)

The superintendents of the different departments of the Hertford County Fair are hard at work in the interest of a good Fair. They are desirous of getting exhibits from every section of the county and are calling on every reader of the Herald to do his "bit".

Misses Olethia Vick and Bessie Lee from Winton have a large collection of baskets to exhibit at the County Fair. They sent a fine exhibit to the Raleigh Fair which was sold from the Income Earning Booth in the Womens Building. Their sales amounted to \$21.50.

Mesdames A. G. Otwell and P. H. Taylor also sold beautiful baskets in the same booth.

Mrs. Frank Hines of Winton won first prize on Dixie Relish at the State Fair. She won the same honor at the Tarboro Fair on the same product. She will exhibit the same jar at the County Fair and will be glad to tell her own County people how to make this splendid pickle.

Mrs. B. N. Sykes won first prize on cucumber pickle at the Tarboro Fair. Miss Virginia Parker of Winton, Misses Mary Sykes and Myra Scull of Harrellsville baked the cakes to serve at the County Teachers meeting Saturday, November 4th. These cakes speak for themselves as to merit. These young cooks will show you some of their cakes at the County Fair.

Misses Story and Christine Brett from Woodrow, Myra Scull and Mary Sykes from Harrellsville, Ivy Vinson, Tennille Williams, and Emma Perry from Cofield, and Myrtle Banks, Willie Sue Matthews, Louise Matthews, Virginia Parker and Edith Joyner from Winton assisted Miss Swindell in preparing and serving a dinner to the teachers of Hertford County Saturday, November 4th.

EXCHANGE MAKES CHANGE IN NAME

The Peanut Growers Exchange, Inc. has re-incorporated under the Co-Operative Marketing of the State of Virginia. The change was ratified at a called meeting of the stockholders held in Suffolk last Wednesday. It is now the Peanut Growers Association.

The \$50 membership fee has been eliminated and it will now cost only three dollars to join the organization. The old members will be paid back the \$47, first being issued certificates for that amount.

The Association is ready to receive the 1922 crop peanuts, urgent calls are being sent out to the members to send in their peanuts to the receiving agents. Three cents per pound will be the first advance this year, and the officials of the organization say checks will be issued and on the way to the growers in less than forty-eight hours after receipt of the peanuts.

In the meantime, farmers in this section are rapidly picking their peanuts, and making them ready for market. The buyers for Suffolk and Norfolk—cleaners, and independent buyers are scouring the territory around here, buying as many peanuts as they can secure. Prices are ranging around five cents, while some of the Jumbos are bringing better prices. The crop in this section is unusually light, although the quality is good. Most of the kernels are small but firm.

J. M. Watts, a farmer of Iredell County and a hog raiser of long experience, has been added to the swine extension office of the Agriculture Extension Service. Mr. Watts will assist W. W. Shay in charge of this work.

Puer's College Farm Lady, owned by the North Carolina State College, Raleigh, leads all cows on test during September in amount of fat by producing 1475.6 pounds of milk containing 70.52 pounds of fat.

SEEN AND HEARD THIS WEEK

BY THE OFFICE CAT

"I'll subscribe to your paper if you will promise me one thing," said Henry Taylor of Winton. "If you will refuse to publish any more articles without the signature of the writer, you can take my name now." Mr. Taylor then proceeded to tell the Cat exactly what he thought of the writer of "Taxpayer's" article.

Whereupon the Editor has asked the writer of this column to say that he will not violate the confidence of the fellow who wrote the article appearing in the HERALD. And, in saying so, he is but following the rule laid down by newspapers everywhere. If the facts in the article are wrong, or there is any ground for court action, the paper expects to protect itself by exhibiting the letter, which is now safely tucked away in the office safe.

"I am not opposed to a whole-time health officer for Hertford County but at the same time I realize that we cannot have everything we need and want; we must stop somewhere. That is why I did not vote for the appropriation." Jno. O. Askew, Jr., Harrellsville commissioner, thus explains his attitude toward the action taken by the commissioners last Monday.

"I think we should defer the matter until next first Monday when the new board takes over the reins. The board may rescind the action, and delay the work again." That is what Frank Tayloe of Ahsokie thought about the appropriation. He did not vote for the appropriation.

"If we see our duty clearly, and know that the county needs a health officer, there should be no slacking on the job. We should authorize the money now, and do our duty, regardless of what action may be taken by the new board." This was the expression of Jno. C. Taylor of Como, and concurred in by the other three members of the old board.

"There is nothing so vital; so close to the material progress of the county; and so urgently needed in Hertford County as a whole time health officer. Gentlemen, if we expect to conserve health and control the spread of contagious diseases effectively, the County must adopt a better health program than it now has," said Dr. Burbage in presenting the health board's request for an appropriation.

One of the HERALD'S good subscribers has been annoyed by some of the neighbors who belong to the class of newspaper borrowers. One of the county papers has been serving several families in Ahsokie for many months now; and some times the borrowers even persist in taking the paper home for perusal. It's a pretty good compliment for the HERALD to have folks so near who are interested enough to go to the limit of borrowing it; but it's a poor compliment for the borrower to be relegated to the class that withholds the subscription price and sponges on the neighbor.

This Office Cat has naught but pity for such a being. A parasite with no scruples is this fellow who continually annoys the one next to him for a \$1.50 a-year newspaper. Gracious knows, it is hoped that fellow borrows this issue, at least. He should read this by all means.

"I wish you fellows would fix this bridge?" "Why not spend a little money on Church street before the winter comes?" "Why don't you make these reckless automobilists pay a few shekels into the city treasury?" These are some of the typical questions popped at Ahsokie town commissioners. The Cat is reliably informed that one squint at the bills on file against the town of Ahsokie placed alongside the bank balance of the town treasurer will answer every question.

The fact about the business is Ahsokie is overwhelmingly in debt and has no finances with which to extricate itself. Unless taxpayers come across with 1922 taxes in short order, there's going to be a merry scramble for preferred judgments against the town. The business of collecting taxes in Ahsokie has been the cause of many of its ills.

And, there is plenty of property in Ahsokie that has not been listed. Others listed not more than half what they should; and still some have in some way been listed at fifty per cent too little, compared with his fellow taxpayer. If you don't believe it, examine the list book of the town of Ahsokie.

Increased yields of 200, 400 and 600 pounds of seed cotton per acre are being received by those who dusted their cotton with calcium arsenate over where no dust was used. These are the results of accurate demonstrations by Franklin Sherman, of the North Carolina Experiment Station.

NOTICE OF SALE ONE FORD AUTOMOBILE

Whereas, W. D. Gatling being the legal possessor of one Ford touring automobile did during the month of October, 1921, place said automobile in the repair shop or garage of the undersigned, in Cofield, N. C. for repairs, which repairs have been made according to contract, and demand made on said Gatling and others for the payment of said repair bill, which bill is more than \$50.00 and less than \$100.00, and more than ninety days having elapsed and said bill not having been paid, and now for the payment and satisfaction of said bill and in pursuance of Section 2425, Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned will on the 25th day of November, 1922, between the hours of 12 m., and 4 p. m., in front of the store of Hill Bros. in Cofield, N. C., offer for sale for cash said Ford touring automobile to the highest bidder as provided by said section.

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NOTICE OF LAND SALE

By virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 19th day of June, 1920, B. J. L. Bellamy and wife, to the undersigned trustee, which deed of trust is duly recorded in Book 68, page 108, office of the Register of Deeds, Hertford County, default having been made in the payment of the debt therein secured and at the request of the holder thereof, the undersigned will offer to the highest bidder for cash between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. on the 18 day of November, 1922, in front of the postoffice door, Ahsokie, N. C., the following described real estate. On the north by North Street, on the west by the land of W. G. Liverman, on the south by the lands of J. S. Leary, on the east by the lands of W. A. Brown, and E. W. Sessoms, and more fully described as follows, viz: Beginning at corner of said lot on the side of North Street, at corner of W. G. Liverman lot; thence southerly along said Liverman line one hundred and fifty feet to J. S. Leary, line a corner; thence easterly along said Leary line fifty feet to W. A. Brown, line, a corner; thence northerly along said Brown line fifty feet to E. W. Sessoms line; thence along said Sessoms line one hundred feet to North street, a corner, thence westerly along said street, fifty feet to first station.

This the 14th day of October, 1922.
Z. V. BELLAMY, Trustee.
R. C. BRIDGER, Attorney. 10-20-4t.

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