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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION NOW ACTIVELY WORKING

Columbian Peanut Company **Begins Cleaning Peanuts** At Ahoskie Plant

CONTRACT BREAKERS BROUGHT TO COURT

War to the teeth has been declared throughout the peanut belt of Virginia and North Carolina between the Peanut Association and the buyers for independent cleaners. At Ahoskie, one of the largest markets in this territory, local independent buyers and the Association representatives are hustling for the 1922 crop.

The Columbian Peanut Company' plant here began work last week, with W. L. Curtis in charge. This company has a contract for cleaning the Association's peanuts, and the members of the growers' organization are delivering their peanuts in large bulk every day. Advances, ranging from 2 to 3 cents per pound are being paid, and checks are issued promptly from the Norfolk headquarters. R. L. Brown is local receiver and grader for the Association, and has his offices at the Columbian Peanut Company's plant.

Independent buyers are paying from 5 to 6 cents per pound for peanuts bought outside the Association. All the local buyers have received notice from the Association headquarters giving a list of all the members and advising them of the fact that these members are pledged to deliver their peanuts to the Association. It refers the buyers to Sec-tion 25 of the Co-operative Marketing Act of Virginia and notifies them that it will resort to its legal remedy in case its rights are violated by any attempt to induce its members to breach of their contracts.

The Association is tightening-the reins on its members who are disposed to violate the contract, and have announced the institution of injunction proceedings against some of its members. The first injunction was filed against C. T. Harrell of Roxobel, Bertie County. Winston & Mat-thews are local attorneys for the Association, and will direct the legal proceedings in conjunction with the law firm of Sapiro, Levy and Hayes, general counsels.

A number of other injunctions against violators scattered throughout the territory are in the hands of attorneys with instructions to file reakers have been of all contract

TAKE OATHS ON MONDAY There Will Be Two New Mem-

bers; Four Now Serving Will Succeed Themselves

On next Monday at Winton Hert ford County's new administrative body, the Board of County Commissioners, will take the oath of office for a two-year term. There are six members of the board, until this year

there being one member for each township in the County. However, when the new membership enters upon its duties, Maneys Neck township will not be represented.

Ahoskie township outvoted Maneys Neck at the primary, and, according to the new primary law in the County, Ahoskie will have two commissioners In other words, two of the county commissioners will be Ahoskie men. The territory beyond the Chowan river will not have a representative. There will be two new members of the board, Dr. J. H. Mitchell of Ahoskie, and W. J. Vaughan, who succeeds J. M. Eley, retiring chairman. The other members who succeed themselves are: F. G. Tayloe of Ahoskie, J. O. Askew, Jr. of Harrellsville, E. W. Whitey of Murfreesboro, and E. H. Eure of Winton. Just who will succeed to the chairmanship of the board is a question to be settled next Monday. F. G. Tayloe is senior mem-

ber and may be elected to the chair. Ordinarily the change in administration is attended with but passing notice, and little interest has heretofore attached to the board's activities. However, the increased business of the County through appropriations for farm and demonstration work, and lately the appropriation for a whole-time health officer, coupled with the half-million dollar road bond issue, has been the means of arousing considerable interest in the conduct of the county's affairs.

The new administration will be watched closely by taxpayers, who are evincing a greater concern over the county's affairs. In fact, since the personnel of the new board was first decided at the primary last spring there have been rumors of what they were going to do, or rather what they would undo. Some have believed the new board would be reactionary, and would seek to dispense with some of the county offices.

However, with four of the old members returned to office fears of the sort described above are apparently unwarranted. And, if there was any foundation for such belief, them as quickly as the necessary legal the old board has just about plastered documents can be procured. Names things for some time to come. All of the county road honds have been so an appropriation has been authorized for the health officer, and at the last meeting of the board at the County Home two weeks ago, appropriations for both the farm and home demonstrator were ordered continued for another year.

One Hundred Acres Granted By King Charles II To Harry Jenkins Has Never Changed Hands; House Built There **During Revolutionary Period Still Habitable**

Ahoskie, lying next to a private road over which there is little travel. The tract of land is known as the Jenkins land, and is now owned by the heirs about two miles from the mill of Jenkins & Boulder.

King Charles II of England issued the grant for this 'particular homestead which at that time contained supplies. Even some of the heirs livabout six hundred acres. Harry Jenkins was the fellow who left the Motherland, and decided to cast his lot with the venturesome brothers from England, and to him the grant was made. The exact date of the grant is still undetermined, although an effort is being made to locate the original piece of paper that gave this property to the Jenkins family, one of the oldest and biggest families of Hertford.

The last direct lineal descendants of Richard Jenkins, the last owner of the property, are now residing on the farm. Both are unmarried. They farm. Both are unmarried: They are Kelley Jenkins, and Miss Bertie Jenkins. All of the other children have died, and the property is now awaiting court order for sale to divide it between the two children, and the children of their dead sister.

About thirty acres of the original plot is tenable, the remainder being heavily timbered woods land. In one section of the farm is located the old Jenkins burying ground, which has grown up with trees and shrubbery. The old mounds are almost obliterated, and there are only a few head-sticks to identify those who are buried there.

Across the road from this tract of land is another section of the original grant, containing about two hundred acres. Henry Jenkins now lives on the latter plantation. This particular tract, although now owned by the same original family of Jenkins (Henry Jenkins being a brother of fast food-in the form of freshly laid Richard Jenkins), has not remained in the possession of the family con-

tinuously since the grant was made. At some time or another, other parties have owned it. The rest of the original 600-acre

grant has been sold off, and is now Bertie Jenkins.

Two hundred years the property of | high off the ground, with a brick celthe same family is the record of a lar located beneath. The original 100-acre' plot of' Hertford County bricks are right there, and the cellar land. It is less than ten miles from job is a good one. At the front and back are small windows with neatly carved oak bars set in the aperture. Although the cellar is of the original structure-just like the Jenkins' foreof Richard Jenkins, and is situated fathers put it there-today it is employed for a purpose entirely foreign to that of the "good old days" when wine, whiskies, and brandies were

Held By Members Of Same Family UP, HE SOON BREAKS OUT

a component part of the household ing today well remember when the cellar was stacked up with the elixir, that provided the folks of the olden days with the spice of life. One story is told, and is vouched

for by members of the family, of one member of the old Jenkins' families being burned to death in the large living room of the house. She was standing on the hearth in front of the 9-foot fireplace when her tresses caught fire. When she screamed for help one of the servants rushed in with a jug or bucket of brandy and dashed it upon the woman's dress to squeich the blaze. The volatile brandy caused a spontaneous outburst of

fire all over the woman's body and she was soon enveloped with flames. Stories of the dead woman's ghost are yet current among the members of the family, and friends of that section. Miss Bertie Jenkins and her brother, Kelley, however, told the writer they placed no credence in the stories about the ghost.

In the front yard there are two large sycamore trees-perhaps the largest in the County. How .long they have stood there is not in the memory of any surviving member of the family. In the body of one of the trees is a large scar, marking the place where the lever to the wine and brandy press was inserted. Mary Jenkins, 79-year-old sister of Richard Jenkins, can remember when the scar was a hole, and remembers her forbears telling of the hens using it to supply the household with its break eggs.

A cedar tree in another corner of the yard has been there probably fifty years and was implanted there by Mary Jenkins.

All of the timber used in the construction of the house is as solut toowned by the neighbors of Kelley and day as that in homes built in recent years, and it was all cut out by the Traced down the line from the oriold-fashioned rip-saw, including the ginal owner, Harry Jenkins, the old huge sleepers that support the frame, which are in plain view down in the cellar. Nails used to hold the weather boarding are handmade, that is, were welded and shaped in the blacksmith shops of the Revolutionary days. Although the report is not absolutely vouchsafed, it is said many of these nails were picked up in Norfolk, after it was burned during the Revolutionary days. Wooden pegs are said to have been used to hold the shingles on the roof, before it was repaired many years ago. There is no dearth of interesting facts and fancies about this old home. stead, and the good people who have held it for so many years. The brother and sister living there now are of that same substantial Jenkins stock, and, when visited by the writer and Mr. A. O. Kiff some weeks ago, took delight in opening up their home, and giving all the information sought which has been repaired. It is a by the inquirers. Upon the recent visit to the old plantation, we were guests of Mr. P. H. Jenkins, a member of another branch of the same family.

Spurgeon Doughtie Becomes Disorderly And Is Hailed Into Justice Court

PLACED IN JAIL TO SOBER

Spurgeon Doughtie, a young white man living near Ahoskie, let liquor get the best of him last Saturday afternoon, and despite his efforts to resist arrest and frequent protests that he would not be locked up he was places in the town lock-up in default of a \$100 bond for his appearance in Justice J. R. Garrett's court Monday morning. On Monday he was tried upon the charge of being drunk and disorderly, being fined \$40 and costs.

Justice Garrett, expressing sympathy for Doughtie's wife and children, suspended payment of the fine, upon the condition that the defendant live soberly for thirty days. He was advised to keep out of trouble, or a few days on the county roads would be his lot.

Doughtie became boisterous down about Bellamy's drug store, and hurled a few epithets at some bystander; who shoved his blasphemer out of the way and moved up the street. Doughtie soon followed him, and sought to engage him in a fight. Stones were hurled in the flight, but Doughtie never got his man, the latter leaving town unknown, unsung, and unwept.

O. H. Britton, constable, caught Doughtie on Railroad street near the Herald office, and the latter tried to prevent the officer from taking him in custody. He resisted for a brief minute or two, while Britton worked to get a death grip on him. Doughtie soon became submissive, when he realized that Britton had him hard and fast.

Carried to Justice Garrett's office. he persisted in defying the law, and reiterated that he would not put up bond nor go to jail until his accusers were brought before him. Failing to secure a bondsman, he yielded to the officer, and went to the town jail.

Before the cop and his assistants could get back up town, Doughtie had made friends with the window of the jail, and walked back down town. He was again taken in custody, and succeeded in securing bondsman.

Steer Clear Family Quarrels, Says Cop

An old-old-story was re-enacted in Ahoskie lass Saturday afternoon. And, now Chief Oscar Britton is absolutely cerWILL NAME MAYOR AT NEXT MEETING

Check Records Of Light Plant One Month; Pushing Tax Collections

PUSHING COLLECTION **OF TAXES FOR BONDS**

Selection of a mayor for Ahoskie was deferred by the town council at the regular meeting this week until next Monday night. H. W. Stokes, councilman, served as chairman pro tem of the board. Several have been mentioned as probable appointees for the office of mayor, but, if any of the commissioners have made a choice it was not brought out at the meeting.

Although the board is seeking above all else to secure funds sufficient to cover the payment of water and sewer bonds December 15, to the amount of \$5,000, that there must be a more efficient administration of the town's affairs was the keynote of the Monday night's session. Three hours were spent in approving old accounts against the town, hearing the report of Constable Britton, and listening to suggestions from the chamber of commerce directors through the secretary, C. O. Harris.

Approximately \$1,300 of the 1922 taxes had been collected up to Monday night, \$800 of which had been paid for coal with which to run the electric light plant. Only fifteen days are left before the bond payment is due, and the commissioners decided to allow 1 per cent reduction during those fifteen days, and instructed the collector to urge all taxpayers to take advantage of the reduction.

To prevent a reoccurrence of the Saturday night episode when a prisoner easily proved himself a better man than was the town lock-up, J. Roy Parker was appointed to secure a steel cage from the county commissioners. The county now owns a strong, substantial cage which is not in use, and Jailer Buck says it is practically worthless to him. If secured it will become Ahoskie's place of incarceration for the holiday drunks and other fellows who are running wild.

The Council also notified the constable to enforce the ordinance requiring the throwing of waste paper and refuse in the tin cans on the streets for that purpose. Paper is not to be burned in the street or on vacant lots unless enclosed in a wicker basket to prevent the wind from scattering it over the streets, and providing fire hazards.

Action was also taken looking to some change in the lighting plant. An accurate check will be made during the month of December on the expenditures and receipts of the plant in order to ascertain just how much the town is losing monthly. With figures available and ready at hand, some readjustment can be made. The town's scavenger "Bud" Cornelius drew his walking papers. Hereafter he will not draw a pension from the city's taxpayers. Arrangements. will be made to employ the truck owned by the town in carrying off the waste accumulating in the tin cans on the streets. A dormant committee on the construction of a railroad siding to the light plant was urged to get busy, and L. C. Williams, clerk, was added to the committee. The council hopes to take some action at once towards securing the siding for unloading coal. The trucking of coal has been a heavy expense upon the light plant since it was first built. On next Monday night, besides appointing a mayor for the town, the Council will listen to C. M. Cobb, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, in reference to placing gates at Main Street crossing. He has notified the council he or a representative will be here at that time, in response to a second request for the gate installation.

secured, with instructions to file all suits at once against breakers of the 1921 contract.

The declaration in the Association suits against T. H. Birdsong et als aggregating \$100,000 was filed this week at Suffolk. The case will be set

for trial in Nansemond County as soon as Birdsong has been given an opportunity, through his attorneys, to answer the charges in the declaration.

Prices for Association stock was announced this week from the Norfolk headquarters. The prices are as follows:

Pickanninny Brand Jumbos_11 1-2c Pickaninny Brand Fancies _____8c Pickanninny Brand Extras____6c Pickanninny Brand Extra Large

Pickaninny Brand No. 1, Virginia Shelled _____

Pickaninny Brand No. 2 Virginia Shelled _____6 1-2c No. 1 and 2 Spanish Market_____Un-

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stable, prices on request. Association headquarters are very optimistic over the prospects for selling the 1922 crop at a profit to the member-growers, and have urged them to deliver their peanuts as quickly as possible. In Perquimans County members of the Association

are actively buying peanuts from nonmembers and shipping them to the Association, so certain are they that the organization will be able to market the crop to a better advantage than the independent cleaners.

DRESSING UP POSTS

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway postoffice running water has been employees have put a brand new coat made available for the employees at of whitewash on its telegraph poles in the building. A partitioned room Ahoskie. The row of posts staking has been built at the rear of the Godoff their right-of-way east of depot win barber shop, and a door will be has also been dressed up with a coat out into one side of the same room to of the same stuff. the postoffice.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS **AT AHOSKIE HIGH SCHOOL**

Teachers Leave For Home, And State Teachers' Assembly At Raleigh

Two days holiday is being given at the local school this week on account of it being Thanksgiving, and the annual meeting of the teachers of North Carolina. School closed Wednesday Virginia Shelled 10 1-4c afternoon, to reopen on next Monday. K. T. Raynor, superintendent, T. R. Bain, assistant principal, and Miss Mina Holloman, seventh grade teacher have gone to Raleigh for the assembly, while all the other non-resident teachers have left for their homes, except Miss Louise Buffaloe, first grade teacher, who is spending the holidays in Ahoskie.

MRS. ODOM IS IMPROVING

Mr. C. R. Odom spent last Saturday with his wife who is recuperating from operations recently performed at Sarah Leigh Hospital, Norfolk. Mrs. Odom is slowly improving.

Toilet Facilities At Postoffice

Im pursuance of the conditions of the government lease on the Ahoskie

home tract of 100 acres has been owned by the following members of the Jenkins family: Harry Jenkins, Henry

Jenkins, Turner Jenkins, Richard Jenkins, and at present by the latter's heirs. Records have been searched in an effort to uncover some data that might identify the ownership of the several families, but little is available. Among the papers of Hon. B. B. Winborne, deceased was one notation showing that when the first census was taken in 1790, Henry Jenkins, second owner of the property, had

seventeen slaves listed as among his personal property. The home in which Kelly and Bertie Jenkins now live is supposed to have been constructed along about

Revolutionary War times, either just prior to or immediately after America became a free colony. The house stands there today just as it was built, with the exception of the roof story-and-a-jump, with the high steps entering directly into the large living and bedroom. On the other end of the house is another bedroom smaller

in size. There is aso a kitchen at

Rev. June Franklin Carter of

the bazaar and it will be added to the tist church. Many out-of-town visitors will be here for the wedding.

A feed that combined the substantial offerings of the country with the

BRIDEGROOM ARRIVES

tair he will never again get mixed up in any family quarrels, at least, without being forearmed with a warrant for either man or wife. The chief thought he was going to perform a humanitarian mission, but the affair ended with him the goat, and husband and wife better friends than ever.

Hardly had Britton finished with the business of attending to a public drunk when he was besieged by a woman of color who asked that he go down to her, house and help tame her "old man." He had touched the joy water too freely, and was a "wild man." In his wild moments he had set fire to all her clothing and threatened to give her a sample of cave man treatment.

The cop hurried back home with her. When he reached the house he recognized his employee, "Bud" Cornelius, until lately town scavenger, heavily charged, and ranting like the beast 1922 liquor will make a human. Britton sought to quell him into submission and made the first move in that direction.

"Don't hurt him. Don't hurt him", screamed lady Cornelius as she made for Britton. The cop quit trying to offer his good services, unloaded a little of his mind and moved away. Later "Bud" was taken into custody.

GOES TO WASHINGTON

day for Washington, D. C., driving his automobile. He was accompanied The by his father, Mr. J. W. Greene, who came here to attend the funeral of his son's wife. They spent Saturday night in Richmond, Va.

REV. BLAYLOCK HERE .

Reverend Blaylock, Baptist pastor. at Rich Square, exchanged pulpits with Rev. E. J. Isenhower of the Ahoskie church last Sunday morning. Mr. Claude Greene left last Satur- The visiting pastor preached a strong sermon here, and made a plea for the reinforcement campaign. J. Hillary Matthews, chairman of the campaign for the West Chowan Association, spoke at the Ahoskie Baptist Church Sunday night.

finer delicacies of the most elite city home was served by Mrs. H. O. Boutler, brother of P. H. Jenkins.

BAZAAR A SUCCESS

Many Ahoskie persons visited the booths and bought articles from at Winston-Salem arrived in Ahoskie

building fund.

the bazaar conducted last Friday by Wednesday afternoon. Friday eventhe ladies of the Methodist church. ing he will be married to Miss Ursie Dinners were also popular in the Vinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. evening, all of the eats being quickly John H. Vinson of this city. sold. A neat sum was realized from marriage will take place in the Bap-

the rear, with a narrow porch extending around it and back of the two bedrooms. It is of the old colonial type, built