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ROAD BOARD FAILS TO ELECT CHAIRMAN

Other Than Deadlock On Permanent Head Only Routine Come Up

WILL INSPECT ALL THE COUNTY ROADS

Other than a hopeless deadlock in the election of a chairman, the new Hertford County Road Board which was sworn in at Winton last Monday there was nothing to indicate an onslaught against the present method of constructing roads in the County. Little business was despatched by the new board, which was in session less than two hours.

Several bills against the road board were approved for payment, the county commissioners were requested to adjust the allocation of the sheriff's salary according to a tax basis, and a detailed statement of the expenditures for roads since the new superintendent assumed his duties were three acts of the new board. The statement will be prepared by J. A. Northcott, secretary, and will be presented at the next regular session the second Monday in January. It will show as far as possible the amount expended in each township.

To acquaint themselves with the work that has been done, and to be in a position to intelligently review the report to be presented on expenditures, the board also voted to make a tour of all the roads in the County that have been worked under Mr. Hines' supervision. Today, Thursday, the commissioners met at Winton for a trip over the roads of three townships, or more if possible. Should they be unable to make the complete rounds, another day will be set apart to complete the inspection trip.

To call for a report and the inspection trip would indicate a desire on the part of the members, especially the new ones, to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the road building situation in the County. Whatever action is to be taken in shaking up the present arrangements or organization will probably be based upon the results of the information secured through the report and trip. An inventory of the equipment will also be taken during the inspection trip. Superintendent Hines will accompany the members and assist in giving the desired information.

The next time the road board meets it will be in the same shape it was last Monday before organization—there will be no permanent chairman. J. B. Worrell, chairman of the old board, acted as chairman pro tem last Monday, after some dozen ballots had failed to break a tie of 3-3. The very first ballot cast showed the line-up that was never broken in selecting a permanent chairman, although the three men not voting for Worrell as permanent chairman yielded in the balloting for temporary chairman and gave it to the old chairman.

J. R. Garrett first placed Dr. J. A. Powell in nomination, and H. G. Snipes put Mr. Worrell's name in the pot. With neither of the candidates voting, it stood two-two, with the line-up as follows: for Powell, J. R. Garrett and Dr. W. B. Pollard; for Worrell, H. G. Snipes and J. D. Bridger. Three votes failed to break the tie. The next ballot was on Dr. Pollard and Worrell. With all six men voting the count stood three all, the two candidates adding their votes in favor of themselves.

J. R. Garrett then ran against Worrell, and the count was still knotted. "Better quit and go home", some one said. But they didn't quit. J. R. Garrett placing Dr. Powell in nomination to be elected temporary chairman for the day only. He failed to get the necessary number of votes.

"We have made all the propositions and you fellows have not shown any disposition to yield anything; it is up to you now," said Dr. Powell. Commissioner Snipes accepted the challenge and nominated Mr. Worrell as temporary chairman. He was elected by a unanimous vote. All vouchers signed by him Monday read "J. B. Worrell, Chairman, pro tem."

Several citizens of the county

CHOWAN COLLEGE HAS EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA

Work Suspended On Account Of Influenza Until After Christmas Holidays

According to word received here, about the only thing left around Chowan College is a general epidemic of influenza and its victims. Those of student body who have escaped the ravages of the "flu" have gone to their homes, some of the teachers have left for home, President P. S. Vann has left for Winston-Salem to attend the Baptist State Convention, and the third degree of a winter cold has the rest "down."

Work in the college has been suspended until after Christmas, and within a few days, or whenever the flu bug has been routed, other students and teachers will leave there until the school re-opens January 3.

Among the members of the faculty who are confined to the infirmary are Misses Faye Dame, Fannie White, and Mrs. Anna Turnley. Miss Della Latham, Misses Meroney and Gunn have left for their homes in Alabama and Tennessee. Mrs. Turnley and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Turnley, the latter a member of the Senior Class, are expecting to leave for Florida the last of this week, and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Turnley's brother at Plant City.

Two of the college teachers have received messages of distress within the past week. Miss Caroline Horn was called home on account of her brother's death; the word was received by Miss Sarah Hughes White that her father continued very ill.

Other diversions at the College include the Junior Recital given Monday, December 9th. Misses Mary Babb, Nancy Parker, Emma Riddick Parker and Ella Mae Parker gave the program, and many visitors attended. The student body and faculty were also entertained two nights last week with moving pictures. Wallace Reid in "Dictator" was shown Thursday night, and Mr. and Mrs. Carter De Haven in "Marry The Poor Girl" was shown Friday night. On Saturday the Sophomore was host at a dinner party.

AHOSKIE WILL HAVE A REAL CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus Is Coming To Ahsokie December 25

The Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with other civic organizations and the business men of the city, is going to see to it that Old Santa pays a visit to every child in town. If he passes any one up, or if he fails to provide a sufficiency for any boy or girl, the Chamber of Commerce is going to jar his memory to the point of getting out of him another supply to be distributed from the Community Christmas Tree which will be set up in the tobacco warehouse leased by C. H. Phaup. The tree will be stripped of its gifts on Christmas afternoon.

Christmas night there will be another general good time at the Co-operative warehouse. All members and friends of the chamber of commerce will be there, and fun, fact, and holiday spirits will reign around there for an hour or two. Plans are rapidly taking shape for the snappiest good-time session Ahsokie has put on.

Winter is the time to study the farm business. Remember the short course offered free to farmers by the State College at Raleigh. The dates are January 8 to 19.

waited around the Register of Deeds office the entire morning awaiting the convening of the board. But, owing to unavoidable circumstances, Dr. Powell was unable to get in Winton until late. The rest of the morning hour was taken up in caucuses among the members. It was almost one o'clock before they appeared in the Register's room for the open meeting, which was then delayed until after the dinner hour.

Ahsokie Expects Business Revival

Not for two holiday seasons has there been such a general revival of business in Ahsokie. Stores are stocked with unusual large supplies of holiday goods, evidently looking for a volume of business almost equal to that of 1919, when everybody had plenty of this world's goods.

Already gift buyers are flocking into town, and the early shoppers are steadily checking off their Christmas gift lists; and many of them are spending substantial sums for family and friend. Last Saturday the streets were crowded with shoppers, many of them here on tours of inspection. When they ride back into town tomorrow, purses will be opened, and trading will be in order.

Several of the local stores are profusely decorated in holiday attire, with holly and cedar mingled freely with the commercial "fixins" such as crepe, and ornamental goods of every conceivable hue. Attractive window displays at all hustling business houses are helping to lure the visitors in, and once they get inside the business of barter and trade picks up.

With a good crop of cotton commanding a fair price, peanuts showing a tendency to go up, the farmer friends are in much better shape than they were last year, or in 1920, to provide Santa Claus at home.

Both of the local banks have noted the general improvement, and "business is good" is a patent expression of bank officials. Deposits have increased materially, and debts have been liquidated in many instances. There seems to be no such wild orgy of speculation as accompanied the war time boom in 1919, and signs point to a gradual and substantial impetus to business during the holidays, and for the year 1923.

The general improvement in conditions is displayed in the advertisements of Ahsokie businesses, which are contained in this issue of the HERALD. The advertising columns of this paper offer many suggestions to the shoppers; and the merchants who have advertised in this issue are making a strong bid for the majority of the Christmas trade.

PENALTY APPLIED TO AHOSKIE TAXES

Delinquent taxpayers in the municipality of Ahsokie will have to come across with a penalty of 1 per cent on 1922 taxes after January 1, in consequence of the action of the town council Monday night. The State law relative to discounts and penalties was adopted as a town law at a meeting this week. For every month they are unpaid January 1 an additional 1 per cent penalty will be required.

Other than appointing D. P. Boyette to arrange a conference with the owner of the Columbian Peanut Company this week in regard to the purchase of land which to extend a railroad siding to the light plant, only routine matters were attended to. At the next meeting of the council, the ordinances of Ahsokie will be reconfirmed, and put in shape for publication.

NEAR SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Charlie Conger of this city narrowly averted a serious wreck Monday afternoon, when he drove his Ford into the ditch alongside the right-of-way of the Wellington & Powellville Railroad, at the crossing about one mile and a half from town. He did not see an approaching train until it was too late to halt his car, and in order to prevent a collision with the train, he had to drive his car into the ditch, breaking the glass and bruising the radiator.

NEGRO SCHOOL FACES CONGESTED CONDITION

Badly In Need Of Better Building But Needs Funds With Which To Erect It

(By JAMES R. WALKER)

"The half has never been told." This biblical phrase is very applicable to the County Training School. In a former article, I endeavored to reveal the workings of the school within, but of a truth, "The half has never been told." Thus I still write to reveal the great within.

We are told in the good book that the truth shall set us free. On the strength of that statement, I sincerely believe that if the truth were known to the citizens of Hertford County, white and colored, to the county board of education in particular and to the lovers of education in general, that they would seek to set us free at the training school. Thus in this article, I seek to make known the truth.

At present, we wish to be free of a deplorable congestion at the school. Our fame has brought students to us from near and far. The law requires that they attend school; the county superintendent insists that we enforce the law and we love them too dearly to send them back home. Thus we have them packed in our school rooms like sardines in a can. On yesterday, the county superintendent gave us a surprise visit. During his inspection, he said to one teacher, "How many have you on roll?" She replied "Nine-thirty."

The Superintendent shook his head. On entering another room, he repeated the question. The answer was "eighty-nine." Yet another and the answer was "Eighty-nine." Yet another and the answer was "Eighty-seven." The Superintendent was bewildered. Drawing a pencil from his pocket, he began to count and add. His total for all rooms was three hundred and thirty-nine. Yes, said he, you need not only another teacher but another building. Amen, said the faculty. The Superintendent did not know that this number would soon be augmented by the after Christmas attendance which would be nothing less than fifty or seventy-five, in addition to the present number. Yes, we need a new school building and need it badly. Now that the truth is known, let the county with the aid of the state and the hearty support of the white and colored citizenry, build us a modern twelve room brick school house and set our bosoms free. If the county board objects, heaven still approves.

Just a word in regard to our class organizations. The sixth grade, following the example of the seventh grade, has organized with the following students as officers: Hattie Lewis, president; Charlie Yeates, vice-president; Josie M. Jenkins, secretary and Samuel Demby, treasurer. The class has also a program committee with the following personnel: Chester Jenkins, Clo Pope, Nellie Vaughan, Gladys Demby and Clarence Beverly. A basket-ball team and two foot ball teams have organized. Everybody seems bound for the "Happy land."

FLORA STAYS HOME AND GETS CAUGHT

Flora Ford, colored, stayed home to do the washing last Thursday, and in the midst of her domestic duties was waited upon by the minions of the law. Sheriff B. Scull and deputy O. H. Britton surprised Flora when they entered her home near the Branning Mill, and uncovered a small still of about 30 gallons capacity, the tank of which was still warm from heating a quantity of mash found on the premises.

Flora is the protegee of George Harrell, one of the town's familiar colored characters, and when she was brought into justice's court, her daddy who was also summoned to appear heaped all the blame on her, resulting in her being bound over for trial under a \$100 bond for having a

Much Opposition To Home Agent Is Traced To Ignorance Of The Work

Miss Swindell Has Done Good Work Among Girls And Women Of The County, And Is Causing Many To Bank Money From Sources Heretofore Unknown

With officials of Hertford County in a rescinding mood, and the omens pointed to a concerted effort for destruction of the home demonstration work, it is a propitious time for the people of this County to do a little investigating of their own and attempt to arrive at some definite conclusion about the value of the work. Whether it is a good investment is what really counts; and it is on that score commissioners expressing opposition to the work are calling for withdrawal of county funds heretofore appropriated for its support.

Much of the opposition is easily traced to ignorance of the work. The report of Miss Swindell's work in the County which was handed to the county commissioners last week shows some surprising results, giving in detail the amount of money banked by women and girls of the County as a direct result of the instruction given by the home demonstration work. It would be a boon for home demonstration work in Hertford County if every person who has had doubts about the worth of the work here to read that report.

Included in Miss Swindell's files are many letters from women and girls in the County, who are pleading for a continuance of the work; and others telling of work being accomplished by the clubs scattered throughout the County. Among others is a letter from Miss Pauline Smith of Washington, District Agent, who attended the recent Hertford County Fair.

Copies of this letter were mailed to officials of the County and is as follows:

Washington, N. C., Nov. 28, 1922.
"It was my privilege to assist with the judging at the recent Hertford County Fair. I was so much impressed with the exhibits of Miss Myrtle Swindell, your Home Agent, that I have felt ever since that I must let you know just how favorably Hertford county exhibits compared with the seven other counties in which I judged.

"To begin with every booth exhibited examples of the work taught by Miss Swindell. The canning exhibit, representing elementary Home Demonstration work, was remarkable for its standard packs and variety. I was impressed with the fact that I saw so few of the old containers, containing only tomatoes, peaches,

apples, and berries. Miss Swindell's exhibit contained the loveliest jellies, pickles, preserves, soup mixture, string beans, corn, butter beans, field peas, English peas, and other fruits and vegetables that would have shamed Heinz himself. All these showed the development of food conservation and preservation under the guidance of Miss Swindell. Next year, I hope to see exhibits of canned meats.

"I hope you did not fail to see the wonderful basketry exhibit, hundreds of designs shown. I speak with authority now—this was the most wonderful basketry exhibit shown in North Carolina. Not only were the designs unique but the work was done most skillfully. This work not only trains the women and girls aesthetically, but also is a splendid income earning feature. I happen to know that the numerous sales of Hertford county baskets have swelled the pockets of many of your women and girls.

"The Health and Food posters in the School Exhibit, showing the training that the children had received from Miss Swindell in planning lunches and meals, was of especial interest to those of us who have carried and seen carried, close tin lunch buckets filled with heavy biscuits, thick fried ham and greasy cake. The children who received her training will be stronger physically, brighter mentally and know much more about feeding a family than those of us who were taught after reaching the age of adults or learning from bitter experience.

"Perhaps you did not know that Miss Swindell stands at the head of the list of North Carolina Agents in the millinery work. She has saved Hertford county thousands of dollars in this line alone. I could go on telling you of the evidences I saw and know of her work, but these are sufficient to let you know how I, who have an opportunity to compare the work of the Agents over the State, feel concerning the most excellent work that Miss Swindell is doing to help you men develop your very fine old county.

"Hoping that I may have an opportunity to meet you at some time, I am,
Very truly yours,
PAULINE SMITH,
District Agent."

PEANUT MARKET SHOWS A DECIDED ADVANCE

Suffolk Cleaners Are Hustling For Supply; Independents Busy And Exchange On The Job

Something has given a material boost to 1922 peanuts within the past ten days. Suffolk peanut cleaners are apparently running on a narrow margin of stock, since they have sent out emergency calls for as many peanuts as their buyers can secure. Several new peanut buyers have been active in and around Ahsokie this week.

Prices have advanced to around six and a half cents per pound for good grades. Lower prices are paid in some instances, but peanuts are commanding from 6 to the half from practically all buyers. Independent buyers are also working tooth and nail to purchase a large supply of the crop, and storage warehouses in Suffolk are housing several hundred bags of the goobers.

The Association is also getting a large supply of peanuts, and is turning them over to the Columbian Peanut Company here which has the contract for cleaning the 1922 crop. Members of the Association are optimistic over the prospects of receiving a good price for the crop, eight cents per pound being the figure most of them quote.

still in her possession. Approximately 150 gallons of mash was found, although no liquors were in sight.

TURNED LOOSE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE

One Of Three Men Detained Here Will Stay Here And Conduct Auction Sales

Failure to connect Al E. Brodsky, H. W. Samit, and A. S. Sagar, the three young Jews detained here last week, with robbery of Mrs. E. C. Britton's store or taking freighted goods from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad or with any other illegal trafficking in wares and merchandise, the officers of the law in Hertford County released the three men last Thursday, and ordered the first two named to move on. Sagar, who was convicted of swindling a negro and later required to pay a county and state peddler's license is still in Ahsokie.

Last Saturday he conducted an auction sale of bolt goods, and disposed of several hundred dollars of his wares. He will probably remain here for a few weeks and conduct further sales of goods.

AHOSKIE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE DECEMBER 21

Next Thursday will be the last day of school at Ahsokie in 1922. Thursday night a special program will be given in the school auditorium, to which all patrons and friends are invited.

School will be suspended until Tuesday, January 2.

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