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AHOSKIE WILL SELL ITS SURPLUS POWER

Contracts To Furnish Electric Current To Capacity Of Local Plant

WILL FURNISH TOWNS IN A 20-MILE RADIUS

The town of Ahoskie has entered into a contract with Harry B. Spear, consulting engineers of Norfolk, Virginia, to furnish electric current to the full capacity of the local plant. The contracting company agrees to load the light plant within a period of one year from the date of contract, which was made at a special meeting of the town council Tuesday night.

Mr. Spear appeared before the council and outlined the contract under which his firm will operate. At a meeting held last week, Mr. Spear, three associate engineers, and Mayor Edwards of Franklin, Va., presented the proposition informally. It was the sense of the town officers then, that such a plan could be made a very attractive one for Ahoskie; and the engineers were told to make a complete survey of the plant here, prepare abstracts showing the actual operating costs of the plant, and present them to the council, together with the contract.

The contract provides that the town of Ahoskie will furnish electric current to the capacity of its plant, wheeling the current at its plant meter here at a rate of seven cents per kilowatt for a period of five years, and six cents per kilowatt for the next five years, the contract period being ten years. Harry B. Spear will guarantee to sell the current thus provided to towns within a radius of about twenty miles of Ahoskie; the council here to make individual agreements with each town connected with the local plant.

There is no obligation on the part of the town of Ahoskie except that it is to furnish the current, and use all diligence in providing continuous service. Provisions are also made to take care of increased operating cost, or the installation of additional machinery to care for any extra load occasioned by the hooking up of other towns.

If the plan to secure other towns is successful, there is little doubt that both Ahoskie and the purchasing towns will receive a mutual benefit. The only expense to which other towns will be put is building and maintaining the transmission lines to the Ahoskie plant. This feature of the contract will be entirely up to the buying towns and the contracting engineers. Another decided advantage of such an agreement is the character of service the smaller towns will secure, Ahoskie's plant being not only highly dependable but also well able to take care of a much larger service. It is planned to provide a 24-hour service when the contracts with other towns become operative.

This arrangement has lately worked to the decided advantage of Franklin, Va., and the towns in its territory. Boykins, Courtland, and other towns are now being supplied by the Franklin plant, and both buyer and seller of electric current are satisfied that the arrangement is much better for both. Harry B. Spear did the Franklin job.

BINGHAM SCHOOL MAN IS WELL KNOWN HERE

William Bingham Gray, of Military School, Also Solicited Tuition Fund in Ahoskie

Representatives of Bingham's school at Mebane are not only well known to some people in Kentucky, at least one Ahoskie man has some experience with its emissary. William Bingham Gray, who was wanted in Mumfordsville, Kentucky, for defrauding several citizens of the city out of money, for tuition charges paid in advance for young boys of the Kentucky "suckers," was saved the experience of going back to Kentucky to face charges in court only through the mercy of Governor Morrison who denied extradition.

NEW ROAD MEN FOR AHOSKIE TOWNSHIP

Special Meeting Last Friday Develops Into Argument And Wrangle

J. R. GARRETT WANTS TO EMPLOY OWN LABOR

A lively session of the Hertford County Road Board accomplished little last Friday afternoon. Only four of the commissioners were present, presumably on account of the bad roads. It was a special meeting called at the instance of J. R. Garrett, Ahoskie board member. Dr. Powell, chairman, issued the call for the meeting.

Mr. Garrett has been unusually active in hiring labor for road work in Ahoskie Township without consulting the board, merely acting as an individual member of the board, and assuming he had the authority to superintend the road work in his township. He wanted to displace some of the men, among them S. H. Harris and Paul Mulder, now working for superintendent Hines; and he had already promised the jobs to other parties.

His men were there last Friday and at least one of them made a glowing talk about his ability to build roads, albeit he was offering himself as a sacrifice to take the job. Practically the entire session was consumed in a running tilt between Commissioner Garrett and Superintendent Hines, the former asserting openly that it was his desire to fire Hines as well as his men in Ahoskie township.

The result of the outpouring of wrath and vehemence was a motion unanimously passed, requesting Superintendent Hines to change the foreman and truck driver in Ahoskie Township. It is understood he will transfer the two men here to another section of the County, sending his Maney's Neck men here probably.

In connection with the wrangle over the foreman and truck driver, the following petition was presented to the board when it met Friday afternoon:

"TO THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF HERTFORD COUNTY:

We, the undersigned citizens of Hertford County, most heartily endorse the services of Mr. S. H. Harris who has been on the force nearly two years and also that of Mr. Paul Mulder who has been with the road force for about three years, as having been diligent and faithful in the discharge of their duties and respectfully petition that the said Harris and Mulder be continued on the said road force, and recommend that they be not removed to make places for untried and inexperienced men;

(Signed) J. L. Early, W. D. Odom, J. C. Vaughan, O. E. Early, B. E. Copeland, J. H. Copeland, J. A. Copeland, S. M. Applebaum, W. T. Holloman, J. P. Brett, G. O. Holloman, P. W. Brown, J. H. Newsome, J. E. Newsome, T. M. Forbes, W. T. Forbes, Board Newsome, R. E. Copeland, H. P. Gatling, C. Greene, S. J. Boyette, T. B. Cooke, W. P. Stephenson, J. W. Bozeman, E. C. Hobbs, W. K. Perry, J. H. Greene, J. T. Barnes, V. B. Jenkins, J. C. Sessoms, Henry Early, Jack Mulder, J. H. Griffin, J. M. Odom, A. Lee Copeland, V. L. Vaughan, W. H. Newsome, Jno. W. Godwin, Sr., S. J. Dilday, M. C. Powell, W. A. Overton, F. D. Overton, C. N. Godwin, C. V. Mitchell, J. W. Howard, J. A. Mitchell, Z. V. Bellamy, F. D. Flythe, C. H. Mitchell, J. E. Parker, N. E. White, T. A. Sinclair, Arthur W. Greene, J. Bailey Barnes."

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coley who were married last week are occupying rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Howard.

papers. J. E. Newsome of Ahoskie also remembers having parted with some of his hard earned cash two years ago by the same representations as those made in Kentucky. When Mr. Newsome's son went up to the Bingham School little did he find that appeared like a military school, and accommodations there were none.

Mr. Newsome made a special trip to Mebane soon after his son entered the supposed school, but he did not take any of the school heads into court—he used a little force upon one of them, called it even and returned to Ahoskie with his son.

"Jim" Vinson Is Wedded To Miss Louise Voiles

Manager Of HERALD Starts New Year Right By Adding Member To Family

At 10:20 last Sunday night Mr. James S. Vinson, publisher and manager of the HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD, and Miss Louise Voiles, daughter of Mr. Chalmers E. Voiles of Clarkton, were married at the Baptist parsonage in Ahoskie by Rev. E. J. Isenbower. The ceremony was performed in the presence of one or two friends.

Utmost secrecy characterized the exact hour of the marriage of the popular couple, although the ceremony was originally planned for midnight, as the New Year was ushered in. A few close friends had been invited to attend the marriage which was to have taken place at the Rawles House, where Mrs. Vinson was a guest. Early in the evening all the young people of the town began to congregate about the hotel, and announced their intention of "hanging around" until the ceremony was performed.

While the crowds "planted" itself into every available space in the parlors, porches and hall of the hotel, the prospective bride and bridegroom walked leisurely to the street, presumably for a stroll of a few minutes. As the unsuspecting crowd awaited their return, the couple boarded an automobile, drove to the home of the minister, and hastened the marriage by an hour and half.

They returned to the hotel and announced their marriage. The crowd refused to believe it had been cheated, and many of the young folks remained there for some time before offering congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson remained in Ahoskie until Tuesday morning, acting as chaperons for a reception given by Messrs. G. C. Britton, and Graham Newsome in the Tuscarora club rooms Monday night. They left Tuesday morning for a bridal trip of several days, after which they will return to Ahoskie to make their home.

Mrs. Vinson is an attractive young lady of pleasing personality, and is very popular in Ahoskie, having lived here for some time in 1922. At the time of her marriage she was spending the holidays in Ahoskie, having come here from Weldon, where she was employed as stenographer for attorney W. L. Knight. Mr. Vinson has been half owner and manager of the HERALD for eight years, and for many years has been one of Ahoskie's most popular young men, both in social circles and in business. He has been unusually successful in business, and is universally liked for his geniality and good fellowship.

NOTED NEGRO ORATOR WILL SPEAK FRIDAY

Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., Gifted Talker, At New Ahoskie Church In Big Address

Ahoskie will have another opportunity of hearing Chas. Satchell Morris, Jr., negro orator, who is heralded as "Prince of a Thousand Platforms." He will speak at the New Ahoskie (colored) Church Friday night, January 5, at 8 o'clock. Both white and colored are invited to hear him talk on "The Bright Side of a Dark Subject."

Morris has just returned to Norfolk after completing an extensive speaking tour through the West, the Southwest and the South. His speech here Friday night will be based upon the conditions among negroes as he found them during his speaking tour.

He has spoken here before, and both white and colored hearers said his oratory and subject matter of his talk are well above the ordinary platform speaker. Special reservations will be made for white people at the church here.

CHAIRMAN WILL DO NO DOUBLE VOTING

Commissioners Will Limit Dr. Mitchell; Mr. Tayloe Is Only Dissenter

WANT SHERIFF TO COLLECT ALL TAXES

There will be no more double voting on the part of the chairman of the board of commissioners of Hertford County, according to a motion made at the Monday meeting. Commissioner John Askew of Harrellsville made the motion to allow the chairman only one vote, thus following the custom of previous chairmen of the board. Every member of the board voted favorably except Frank Tayloe of Ahoskie.

Mr. Tayloe thought the board had a redress should it desire to use it. When asked to state the method of redress, Mr. Tayloe said the chairman could be "called down", and another put in his place. He was sure the present chairman would not hesitate to duplicate the double voting act any time he desired, regardless of the board's action.

Doctor Mitchell, chairman, said he would abide by the ruling, and stated further that it was his desire to save the taxpayers' money, and again called the attention of the board to the fact that it was the "guardian of the peoples' taxes."

Representative Lloyd J. Lawrence will be requested by a formal resolution passed by the board to change the system of collecting taxes in Hertford County. The board instructed its clerk to write Mr. Lawrence and ask that he transfer the duties of tax collectors to the sheriff, at the same time increasing his salary from \$1,800 per year to \$2,500. The chairman, Doctor Mitchell, and other members of the board thought at least \$2,000 could be saved to the county by making the change.

It was shown that approximately \$4,500 is paid annually to the six tax collectors in the county, an amount in excess of what other counties were paying. If the legislation is passed at this session of the general assembly, Hertford County will collect its 1923 taxes through the sheriff and his deputies.

Jurymen for the February term of Superior Court were drawn at Monday's meeting; an appropriation of \$200 for agricultural exhibit premiums at the Hertford County Fair was approved; the Hertford County Herald was ordered to list its machinery and pay taxes for a five year back period; a desk was purchased for the office of the Clerk of Court; and the usual routine of approving bills entered into.

The board failed to heed the request of the road board to change the allocation of the sheriff's salary so as to exempt the bond issue from participation in the payment of salary. The road fund will, therefore, have to pay \$1100 of the sheriff's salary for 1922.

COUNTY ROADS BAD

On account of the heavy rains of the past few weeks many of the roads in this county are terrors to all kinds of automobiles—only Fords can make them. The Ahoskie-Winton road is in bad shape; the St. Johns-Menola road is worse; and some of the other roads are just as bad. The Ahoskie-Harrellsville road is the most easily accessible, except the three-mile stretch from Ahoskie to Frazier's Cross Roads.

MR. AND MRS. HARRIS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Chester O. Harris have moved into the home of J. O. Carter who has moved to Rocky Mount. Mr. Harris is secretary of the chamber of commerce and in his new home, which is one of the choicest residences of Ahoskie, he expects to make it a social center for a young girls' organization which he and Mrs. Harris soon expect to organize.

COTTON GINNED

There were 4,350 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Hertford County, from the crop of 1922 prior to December 13, 1922, as compared with 3,644 bales ginned to December 13, 1921.

AHOSKIE CELEBRATES COMING OF NEW YEAR

Church bells rang, tin cans rattled, horns blated, guns roared, and automobile horns sang forth Sunday night on the eve of the passage from the old to the new year. Celebration of the advent of 1923 in Ahoskie was staged largely by the young people of the town, who were in a happy humor as they welcomed the birth of the new year.

Just a few minutes prior to twelve o'clock automobile engines began to whir, and the streets were well filled with cars laden with those who were bent on seeing that every bell that would make noise was put into action; and within a couple of minutes, the chimes that broke out all over town indicated that the business of bell-ringing was well attended to.

For fully thirty minutes every thing that had any potentiality for making a noise was made use of, including the lusty throats of the celebrants. Heavy reports from firearms were also heard at intervals of a few minutes.

Along about one o'clock, after 1923 had pushed its predecessor—1922—out of existence, a walk down Ahoskie's business street showed conclusively there had been a general observance of the event. In front of practically every store had been placed most every kind of obstruction that the mischiefous could lay hands on. Included in the articles were the city trash cans, goods boxes, planks, and rolls of wire.

Down at Feldman's Bargain Store, the large banner sign was torn into strips, and the strips tied across the sidewalk and in front of the doors.

Former Ahoskie Man Makes Good

Dennie E. Greene, a native son of Ahoskie, has lately become interested in the cigarette manufacturing business and is now an associate in the Wall Street Tobacco Corporation, with headquarters at 44 Wall Street, New York City. Mr. Greene is treasurer of the tobacco corporation.

Mr. Greene is the son of Mr. W. J. Greene of Ahoskie, and lived here a few years after reaching his majority. He was at one time interested in a newspaper published in Hertford County. He left here several years ago, and located in Iliou, New York. At Iliou he became associated with another gentlemen in the gent's furnishing and haberdashery business.

For several years he has been engaged in that business, and has built up one of the nicest businesses in his adopted city. He is still retaining interest in the firm which is known as Rigby & Greene.

A letter received here from Mr. Greene and addressed to the local chamber of commerce conveys the information that the Wall Street Tobacco Corporation, with which he has recently connected himself, is considering operating a branch factory in Ahoskie, if proper inducements in the way of labor and other necessary conditions are available.

HOSTS AT A RECEPTION

Messrs. Graham Newsome and G. C. Britton were hosts to several of their friends Monday night, in the rooms of the Tuscarora Club. The club was decorated in potted plants and ferns. Punch was served when the guests arrived, after which music and dancing became the diversions. Later the guests were invited to the Manhattan Cafe, where they were served with chicken salad, club sandwiches, and coffee. Returning to the club rooms the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and music.

Those present were: Eddie Perry with Miss Myrtle Powell, Roger Johnson with Miss Lola Wooten, Jack Barker with Miss Louise Baanight, Graham Newsome with Miss Earle Lawrence, G. C. Britton with Miss Leona Moore Rawles, Johnnie Britton and Mayon Parker. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brett and Mr. and Mrs. James S. Vinson were chaperones.

WINTON BOY DIES FROM GUN WOUND

"Dee" Knox Accidentally Shot While Out Hunting With Three Friends

WAS A FAVORITE AMONG YOUNG MEN

The community of Winton was seized with breathless terror when the alarm came in last Friday morning that one of its most prominent young men had been killed.

H. B. Knox, Jr., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Knox, better known as "Dee," accidentally shot himself as he was returning to a boat on the Chowan River from a rabbit hunt. It is not known exactly how the accident occurred. He, Raymond Askew, Richard and Edgar Pope and Mr. L. W. Wall had been hunting rabbits from early morning until around 11 o'clock. "Dee" was the first to return to the boat. The boat was a little ways from the land and it is thought that he must have pitched his gun from the land to the boat, which discharged one of the barrels and the entire load entered his right side. The nearest member of the party was some twenty-five yards from him. When he reached "Dee" he found him lying partially in the water. The other members of the party were immediately called. He was placed in the motor boat and hurried to Winton. The distance was some four or five miles. "Dee" died a half a mile from the Winton ferry, never regaining full consciousness.

The funeral services were conducted from the home of his parents Saturday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. L. C. Larkin assisted by the other resident ministers.

"Dee" was sixteen years of age, a Junior in the High School and was secretary of the Methodist Sunday-School. He was a favorite of the community at large and a darling of the High School athletics. The community and all friends join the family in mourning his decease.

LANTERNS ARE USED TO HEAT THE MASH

Sheriff Bismark Scull ran across something entirely new and novel in the liquor manufacturing business Tuesday afternoon. About three miles out of Harrellsville, back of the Dave Evans farm, he located the rendezvous of some distiller of sugar brandy, and destroyed about two or three hundred gallons of nicely fermenting mash.

Neither still nor operator were found. Right where a small branch trickled at the foot of a hill, this brandy maker had dug into the side of the hill a cave just large enough for four good sized barrels which were placed therein. The top of the cave was covered with boards and dirt, and both sides were fully protected by the hill. The only opening was from the south side.

When Sheriff Scull came upon the moonshiner's haven, the mash in the four barrels was simmering and was in the process of complete fermentation. The heat used was lanterns, lighted and placed in each corner of the cave. Being fully protected from the weather, the lanterns provided enough heat to cause the mash to boil.

Out in front of the dug-out were two plots where a couple of stills had been operated, but the owners had removed the stills, evidently taking them away when leaving the place of operations. Between the two still plots was a nice, deep well. Sheriff Scull destroyed the mash.