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PROSPECTS BRIGHT TO FURNISH POWER TO NEARBY TOWNS

Powellsville and Colerain Have Begun Negotiations With Harry B. Spear and Associates

INQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM OTHER PLACES

Twenty-four Hour Electric Service May Yet be Consumed At Local Plant

Tentative agreements with Powellsville and Colerain to furnish them electric power from the Ahoskie plant have been made, and, although at neither place has there been a contract signed, there is every indication that both of these towns will soon contract for electric power from the local light plant.

Other towns in Hertford and Bertie counties are eager to connect with Ahoskie, and correspondence from interested persons in some of the towns indicate that some sort of action will be taken by their municipalities. Harry B. Spear and associates, to whom the Ahoskie council has delegated the power to sell this current, at a specified rate, have within the last few days been in consultation with the town officials of Colerain, Powellsville, Winton and Murfreesboro.

Citizens of Kelford have already written to the Ahoskie town clerk inquiring about the plan advanced for electric service, and in a letter received here it is stated that prospects for connecting Kelford, Roxobel and Lewiston are very bright. They are eager to get in on the line.

It is understood here that Murfreesboro citizens are very anxious to secure better electric service, and have greeted the Ahoskie proposal with enthusiasm. Mr. Spear and his associates will visit Murfreesboro and explain in detail the plan of operations, cost of transmission lines, and service to be expected. A special meeting has also been called in Winton to consider the proposal.

At this end of the line, there is almost unanimous approval of the action taken by the town board. Ahoskie has a very efficient electric plant, but one that is a long ways out of proportion to the amount of current demanded by the town. The people here feel that this town will benefit by furnishing current to other towns in this section, and can see for the other towns a great improvement, at a lower cost, over the small and often times inefficient plants now in operation.

Since the announcement was made here that the Ahoskie Ice Company would not use electric service this summer, greater interest has been manifested in the proposition to run the plant on a 24-hour service by hooking up with other towns. If contracts can be secured with the adjoining towns within the next few weeks, construction work will begin at once on the lines and only a few weeks will be required to complete the projects, for the turning on of current.

Although there is no positive assurance of 24-hour service this summer, it is hoped that the service can be inaugurated, with equal benefit to Ahoskie and other towns. There will be no slackening in the efforts to obtain the full day service, and it will be consummated when demand for enough current is made for the Ahoskie plant to become self-sustaining.

CONDUCTS SERVICES

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Bryant who is ill with chicken pox, Mr. Walter R. Johnson conducted services at the Methodist Church here last Sunday evening.

HOUSE PASSES ROAD BILL AND SENDS IT TO SENATE

Burgwyn of Bertie, and Lawrence of Hertford, and Seven Others Vote "No"

The House has passed the State Highway Bill, appropriating an additional \$15,000,000, and has sent it to the Senate, where it has been reported out favorably by the roads committee, without discussion and with a unanimous vote. Representative Sumner Burgwyn of Northampton led the fight against the road measure in the House, which did not reach serious proportions. Only nine representatives voted against the bill, Representative Lloyd J. Lawrence, of Hertford, being among the nine.

Mr. Burgwyn sought to amend the bill by having an additional \$1,000,000 allocated to the First District, claiming that this was the largest district, and that many streams had to be bridged, necessitating a larger outlay of money than others. He also spoke at length about the discrimination against this district, and especially Hertford, Bertie and Northampton counties, neither of which had secured a single foot of hard surfaced roads out of the first fifty millions. Representative Nowell was the only member from either of the three counties that voted to continue the good roads program in the State.

The Governor's boat line measure won the first tilt in the Senate when it was referred to the Appropriations Committee. A fight will be waged against the bill in its present shape, some of the Senators saying that if a commission is appointed, it should report to the legislature, and not to the Governor.

The only measures of especial state-wide interest that have passed either branch of the legislature are: a bill to allow juries to recommend sentences in all capital cases except first degree murder and criminal assault, passed by the House; and a bill to prohibit officers and employees of banks from voting proxies of stockholders, a Senate measure.

Extension of penalties on unpaid taxes has been advanced from March 1 to May 1, Both Senate and House passing the bill.

Among the new bills that have been introduced within the week and which are of vital interest to Eastern Carolina is the tick eradication measure. Senator Johnson of Beaufort County has started the bill off, and would create a state to fund equal the federal appropriation for the work in the nineteen counties of the East.

Another measure that will no doubt be of interest to this county is the measure sponsored in the House by Parker of Alamance which provides that no board of county commissioners may go beyond the county's income in the expenditure of public money and that all financial transactions of the board must be published in such form as is easily intelligible. Hertford County commissioners would not be affected by the bill.

Other bills introduced include: to amend Building and Loan Association's laws; to amend insurance laws; to amend laws relative to industrial banks; to eliminate kissing the Bible in taking oaths; to change income tax laws to conform with federal law.

Senator Costen of Gates County has introduced a bill providing for establishment of 12 months jury service in Gates County.

The state-wide farm loan bill, one of the most important to the calendar, will be amended, and provisions made for loaning money to farmers who want to settle on the idle lands of the state. There are bright prospects of its passage.

Action on the bill to facilitate intra-state freight movement has been deferred for further hearing. After killing the Ku Klux prohibitive measure the Senate has decided to draft another bill which will curb the Klan's activities.

Hearings are being held on the bill sponsored by the State Merchants Association providing for garnishment of workmen's wages. The Association is also sponsoring the following bills: bad check law; tax on hotel merchants; tax on itinerant auctioneers; advertising act; bill to make it a misdemeanor for securing

Harrellsville Township Values Its Property Higher Than Other Three

Harrellsville township, with less village population than either of the six county districts, pays more taxes into the county treasury than either Maney's Neck, Murfreesboro, or Winton townships. This is probably due to the large number of fine farms in the township, many of them being in a high state of cultivation. The rural population of the township is also probably more dense than the other townships and accounts for its showing on the tax lists of the county.

The aggregate value of real and personal property in Harrellsville township is \$1,594,150, or about fifty thousand dollars more than Winton, which comes next to Harrellsville. This is divided among the two races as follows: whites, \$1,321,593; colored, \$272,557.

There are considerable less persons who pay poll taxes in Harrellsville township than in St. Johns, next above Harrellsville in total value of all properties. Three hundred and twenty-three white persons pay poll and 183 colored persons are poll tax payers.

Real estate listed in the township is valued at a total of \$1,137,246, the aggregate number of acres listed being 44,417, making the average value per acre approximately \$25.60. Manufacturing property in the township is valued at \$250; and timber lands at \$9,200. There are forty lots in the town of Harrellsville and they are valued at \$52,892, all being owned by white persons. Adding these items to the real estate values, outside of town, makes an aggregate value of all real estate in the township, \$1,199,588. Of this amount \$983,220 is owned by white persons, and \$216,368 by colored persons.

Personal property listed in Harrellsville township is as follows: Merchandise—\$30,990 by whites, \$10 by negroes; materials being manufactured—\$5,464 by whites, \$8 by negroes; household property less \$300 exemption provided by law—\$13,265 by whites, \$1,871 by negroes; horses—112 at \$7,125 by whites, 85 at \$5,575 by negroes; mules—244 at \$20,690 by whites, 137 at \$10,305 by negroes; sheep—105 at \$395 by whites; goats—8 at \$8 by whites, 17 at \$17 by negroes; hogs—1690 at \$4,230 by whites, 1391 at \$3,630 by negroes; milk cattle—112 at \$2,760 by whites, 86 at \$1,680 by negroes; other cattle—135 at \$1,384 by whites, 75 at \$659 by negroes; Dogs—1 at \$2 by negro; firearms, etc., covered by items 53-80—\$31,266 by whites, \$6,609 by negroes; net solvent credits—\$220,771 by whites, \$25,823 by negroes; other tangible property—\$25 listed by whites.

The aggregate value of all personal property listed in Harrellsville township is \$394,562, divided among the two races as follows: whites, \$338,373; negroes, \$56,189.

Other taxes paid by Harrellsville township includes special levies in two school districts.

MISS LENA MOORE RAWLES IS HONORED

Mrs. E. D. Cherry and Mrs. Paul E. Dukes were joint hostesses on Tuesday night, at the home of Mrs. E. D. Cherry, in honor of Miss Lena Moore Rawles, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rawles. Miss Rawles will soon leave for a Rocky Mount hospital where she will enter training for a nurse.

During the evening's hours, which were from 8 to 11, the young people who had assembled at the home were entertained with a contest, in which sentence questions were answered with the name of a girl. Miss Louise Buffalo and Roy Parker were the winners of the prize box of chocolates. The honoree was presented with the box of chocolates by Mr. Parker.

Later in the evening delightful refreshments in two courses were served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. James Sessoms and Mrs. Howard Basnight. The first course consisted of punch, chicken salad sandwiches, saltines, and pickles. Ice cream and cakes made up the last course.

The remainder of the evening was given over to conversation, instrumental music, and several trite selections by Ahoskie's now famous "Black Cat" quartette, aided by an additional recruit or two.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mesdames Cherry and Dukes were: Misses Lena Moore Rawles, Irma Garis, Ila Horton, Ethel Futrell, Helen Johnson, and Louise Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. James Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. James Sessoms, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Basnight; and Messrs. Clarence Perry, Johnnie and G. C. Britton, Graham Newsome, J. H. Greene, Roger Johnson, Linwood White, Jack Barker, Orion Bell and Roy Parker.

credit upon misrepresentation; and to prohibit the issuance of coupons or trading stamps.

The investigation of the State Printing Department has not been concluded and Representative Broughton of Wake County is seeking a rigid investigation of the affairs of the State Sanatorium.

CONVICT BOULAC IS UNGRATEFUL TO BOSS

O. A. Boulac, 25 years old, who a few weeks ago completed a term upon the roads of Hertford County, has been arrested in Norfolk for forgery. Two of the charges are made by Norfolk firm, one being for \$20 and another for \$25. He is also held for the giving of a forged check to a Winton firm, to the amount of \$25.

In each instance he signed the name of F. G. Hines to the check. Mr. Hines is superintendent of roads in the county and it was through his feeling of pity for the fellow that he was allowed to work a few days after his sentence expired, in order to give him enough money with which to leave. He exhibited his ungratefulness by forging three checks, using his name to get the money.

Sheriff Scull went to Norfolk after Boulac Monday. He will have to wait until the Norfolk charges are heard before he can bring his prisoner back here for trial.

GOOD WATER HERE

When the State Laboratory of Hygiene made the last analysis of the water served patrons of Ahoskie's water system, there was an unusual absence of Chlorides in the sample sent to Raleigh by Superintendent H. A. Yert. Although, according to the State Laboratory, in some localities near the coast chlorides run as high as sixty or seventy parts per million, the amount shown in the Ahoskie water was only 9.5.

Once each quarter the State Laboratory makes a test of the water and since the local system has been installed good records have been made at every test. The last test was made January 27.

The water here has an alkali reaction, and contains total bacteria at 38 degrees centigrade per c. c. 50, and total bacteria per c. c. on L. L. Agar, 17.

PLANNING TO EXTEND THE SEWER TO RUN OF SWAMP

Town Council Seeking To Secure Piping Suitable For Laying in Low Lands

Extension of the town sewer line to the run of Ahoskie swamp will be made just as soon as the town council can secure information about the most practical materials to be used. Negotiations are now pending for the purchase of piping suitable for laying in low grounds, such as the right of way over which the sewer will have to be laid.

Mayor Williams expects to secure this information during this week and at the next meeting an order for materials will probably be made, and installation will follow as soon as the piping can be shipped here.

Since the publication of the article regarding the damage suit against the town, which appeared in the last issue of the HERALD, much comment has been heard on the streets in reference to it. But few, if any knew of the suit. Sentiment as to the probability of Dr. J. H. Mitchell recovering the damages is divided, although there is none who doubt that extension can be forced.

In the meantime, the town authorities are expecting to seek a settlement with Doctor Mitchell outside the courts. They believe an amicable adjustment can be made when Doctor Mitchell is satisfied that the alleged nuisance will be abated and the extension made. There is no disposition on the part of the council to aggravate the case, and no censorious attitude against Doctor Mitchell for instituting suit after the town had failed to extend the sewer to the run of the swamp.

WILL RECEIVE BIDS ON CARRYING MAILS

Notice has been posted here, announcing that the U. S. Postoffice Department will receive bids, February 5, on carrying the mail from the local postoffice to the Atlantic Coast Line and Wellington & Powellsville railroads. Proposals will be made covering a yearly period, although the contract will not be made for any specified time, according to the notice posted here.

The contract is now held by J. W. Howard, a former employee of the postoffice at Ahoskie. No person under 16 years of age can make application for the job. Application blanks for proposals can be secured at the Ahoskie postoffice.

HARRELLSVILLE YOUNG MAN WINS DISTINCTION

J. D. Sykes, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Sykes of Harrellsville, was a member of the poultry judging team of State College, which won first honors in a judging contest in connection with the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show, New York City. The team was composed of J. D. Sykes of Harrellsville, J. M. Harris of Louisburg and E. F. Ruth of Randleman.

This team competed with 22 other colleges in the recent contest, and won the silver loving cup for the highest score in judging Rhode Island Red Cockerels. The college team ranked fourth in all of the judging contests.

Young Sykes is taking an agricultural course at State College, and in his recent distinction has reflected some of the valuable practical experience he has gained on his father's farm at Harrellsville. Mr. B. N. Sykes is himself a leader in agricultural activities in this county.

THOMAS-ALEXANDER

Miss Vernelle Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alexander, and Mr. Walter Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Thomas, were quietly married in Williamston Tuesday afternoon. They have returned to Ahoskie and are making their home with the former's parents.

Write the Editor, Agricultural Extension Service, Raleigh, for your copy of "North Carolina—A Land of Opportunity." It's free for the asking.

RECORDER'S COURT NOT A CERTAINTY, SAYS MR. LAWRENCE

Representative Lawrence May Table Bill Until Disposition of State-Wide Judicial Measure

COMMISSIONERS NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION

Hertford County May Secure Another Term of Court Under Proposed Law

Hertford County may not get its Recorder's Court. Next Monday is the time for the county commissioners to make appointments of officers of the court, and set the judicial machinery in motion; but no action will be taken by the board.

Representative Lloyd J. Lawrence has already introduced a bill in the legislature relative to the Recorder's Court, the provisions of which are held in abeyance, awaiting the outcome of the measure now pending in the Legislature to create 27 judicial districts in the State and provide for more terms of superior court. Should this bill become law, Mr. Lawrence says he will oppose the Recorder's Court, and will make in-operative the court in this county.

In answer to an inquiry from the HERALD in regards to the Recorder's Court and his pending bill, Mr. Lawrence writes:

"I have introduced a bill relating to the Recorder's Court of Hertford County, but there is no wisdom in going into details of this matter yet, for the very good reason that I may move to table the bill and abolish the court."

"It all depends upon the result of a bill to divide the State into twenty-seven judicial districts, which is now pending. If this bill becomes a law, then I think it unwise for a Recorder's Court to be established, as we can get more terms of court under the general law, if it is desired."

"In other words, if 27 judicial districts are created, then our district will contain less counties than at present and that means that we can have an additional term of Superior Court."

"I should oppose a Recorder's Court and additional terms of court, as it would be an unnecessary expense to the county, and I shall not permit the passage of the Recorder's bill until something definite is known as to the state-wide bill creating more judicial districts. At any rate, the Recorder's bill would not be operative until April and hence nothing will be done by the county commissioners, in any event, before April."

"It is, however, a bill that will prove of value to the people of Hertford County, in the event it becomes a law and the right man selected as Recorder."

"Should the judicial district bill be killed, I will then proceed to push the bill relating to the Recorder's Court, and will give you then full information as to its provisions."

Mr. Lawrence has also introduced a bill in the legislature the title of which is "To provide for better government in Hertford County." The next issue of the HERALD will carry in more detail the provisions of this bill. On account of the heavy work in connection with writing and framing an important state-wide bill, Representative Lawrence writes that he finds time too scarce to go into detail this week.

The HERALD will publish an explanation of the bill in its next issue and will continue to keep the county citizens informed on the activities of the legislators at Raleigh.

A DAUGHTER BORN

A 10-pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Vaughan Saturday, January 27th.