

## HERTFORD SCHOOLS PUT ON CAMPAIGN FOR IMPROVEMENT

Buildings and Grounds Will Be  
Beautiful During Spring  
Months; Prizes Will Be  
Awarded to Winners

### DEMONSTRATION AGENTS TO ASSIST ALL SCHOOLS

Nursery Company Offers \$10  
Stock to The One Making  
Improvement

Every school in Hertford County is now in the midst of a campaign of general improvement to school and school grounds, including cleanliness and neatness of the interior, and the beautification of the grounds. The campaign was inaugurated by Superintendent Britton, working with the home and farm demonstration agents of the county, and is in line with a general campaign now being carried out in every county in North Carolina.

Both Mr. H. L. Miller, farm agent, and Miss Myrtle Swindell, home agent of the county, are cooperating with the superintendent in the work, which will come to a close with the end of the present school term in the spring. The two county agents are riding about the county visiting each of the schools and giving in detail the plans of the campaign and aiding each school to get started off in the work.

Pupils in each school have been requested to write compositions on the Improvement Campaign, setting forth what the school needs to be done, what the school might do with all co-operating, and what it has done since the Campaign began. The best two compositions from each school have been forwarded to Miss Mary Williams, county rural supervisor, who will select the best three out of the entire lot. To the writers of these three compositions suitable prizes will be awarded. Announcement of the winners will soon be made.

Mr. Britton has recently mailed to all the school teachers of the county a letter setting forth the general plan of the Campaign, and suggesting that each school call upon the farm and home demonstration agents for assistance and advice. Following up his letter, Mr. Miller has also addressed letters to each school offering his services, saying he would visit each school in the county.

Prizes will be awarded at the close of school this term, as follows: 1. To the school making most improvements on the grounds; 2. To the school making the most improvement to the building; 3. To the school installing most conveniences and equipment for use of teachers and pupils; 4. To the school installing playground equipment; 5. To the school that installs supplementary and High School libraries; 6. or the most improved kitchen. Prizes to be awarded will be announced later.

Miss Swindell, home demonstration agent is also working with Mr. Miller in creating greater interest in the Campaign, and is actively at work making suggestions and giving of her services to the several schools in the county.

J. Van Lindley Nurseries, of Greensboro, have offered to furnish plans showing suggested improvements as to placing trees, shrubbery, etc. to every school in the county that will forward to them a diagram of the building and grounds. This company has also offered a prize of ten dollars worth of nursery stock to the school making the greatest improvement, to be along the lines of landscaping the school grounds. The prize will be given next fall, after sufficient time has elapsed to determine which has made the best showing. The winner will be selected by Miss Swindell and Mr. Miller.

In addition to the improvements to the buildings and the plants and shrubbery for the grounds, each school head has also been advised to request free flower seed from their Congressman and plant flower beds on the grounds. This will be done within a few weeks, or as soon as weather conditions will permit.

Mr. Britton suggests that many schools in the county are not what they should be in neatness and clean-

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL NOT TAKE ANY RECESS

Will Speed Up Work And Ad-  
journ At Regular Time;  
Many Bills Await Action

There will be no recess of the General Assembly to await the audit of the State's finances, the members voting overwhelmingly to continue work until the time limit expired, and adjourn. The audit will be completed about April 1, and will be submitted to the council of State.

In the meantime, both branches are rushing through the principal statewide measures, and grinding out the daily routine of numerous local laws. Unless work is speeded up, however, many of the bills introduced will never be enacted into law.

Tam Bowie's bill providing for bond issue not to exceed ten million dollars for construction of a railroad through the far western counties has passed the House and is now in the Senate. In the upper house it is expected to have easy sailing. On the final reading in the lower branch the vote was 65 to 48. Representative Burgwyn of Northampton led in the fight against the bill.

The tick eradication bill, making it statewide in its scope, has passed its final readings. It applies directly to nineteen eastern counties, among which is Hertford. The two senators from this district sought to add amendments exempting Hertford county and the other counties in their district, but the amendment was lost by an overwhelming vote. Tick eradication is now compulsory.

After successfully passing the Senate, the bill providing for seven new judicial districts has gone to the House, where it has little prospect of passing. It has not been reported out of the committee room, and should it be reported it will probably provide for only four additional judges. The solicitor's salary bill is having easier sledding and is expected to pass both branches during the session.

With the assertion that the State was losing millions of dollars on account of not limiting its bonded indebtedness, Senator Varner has introduced a bill providing that the bonded indebtedness be at no time more than five per cent of the wealth of the State. His bill provides for constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people at the next election.

The Senate Finance Committee has drafted a measure that incorporates practically all the provisions of the Revaluation Act, and there is a strong prospect of its passage. It would have uniform values in every county in the State and make the Tax Commission umpire over the values turned in by each county.

Other bills of importance pending and under discussion in the legislature are: the State Fair bill; stricter laws for drivers of automobiles; tightening Blue Sky laws; providing financial help for the ex-service men; several important changes in the Banking Laws (Representative Lawrence is the author of one of these); to effect a ten per cent reduction of all state officers.

Two additional investigations have been ordered during the week. They are the State Geological Survey and the operations of the State owned railroad, now leased to the Norfolk Southern Railway.

## Mr. Vann Again

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MR. EDITOR:  
Since Mr. J. C. Taylor in your last week's issue saw fit to jump on an old sick man without any provocation who is now living in the twilight of life and so elaborately expose his ignorance; will only ask you to quote Solomon to him who said, "There is more hope for a fool, than for a man who is wise in his own conceit."

That verse is full of comfort to  
T. E. VANN.

The Math teachers in North Carolina schools held a meeting in Chapel Hill last week.

liness, although, he says, many are models deserving of the highest praise and commendation. The purpose of this Campaign is to inaugurate in every school a pride in the school plant, and create a co-operative interest in the beautification of the grounds. Much interest has already been manifested in the plan, and competition will become keener as the weather opens and spring approaches.

## TWO LAWS PASSED AFFECTING COUNTY; OTHERS IN HOPPER

Representative Lawrence Suc-  
ceeds in Getting Two of His  
Bills Through the General  
Assembly

### SOME MISCONCEPTION OVER ROAD LAW CHANGE

County System of Administra-  
tion Has Been Made Option-  
al With The Board

In the maze of bills introduced during the present session of the General Assembly, Representative Lloyd J. Lawrence, of Hertford County, has succeeded in getting two bills affecting this county ratified. Introduction of these two bills, along with several others by Mr. Lawrence, have been recorded in issues of the HERALD, and the readers of this paper are thoroughly familiar with the contents of each.

Representative Lawrence, in a signed statement below, explains more fully the changes made in the county road law, in reference to the system by which the affairs shall be administered. Since the publication of the provisions of the act entitled "A BILL FOR THE BETTER GOVERNMENT OF HERTFORD COUNTY", there has been much misconception about the abolition of the county unit and a return to the old township system.

Mr. Lawrence explains that the county unit has not been abolished, but points out that he has changed the law so that the county road board may use its discretion in working the roads, employing whatever system the members deem best. His letter follows:

"Two bills have become laws that directly affect the people of Hertford County:

"One of these is the bill to validate certain acts of Paul Jordan, a Notary Public, and the other one pertaining to the better government of Hertford County. In view of the fact that several have written and asked for information as to whether the new law destroys the county unit for working the public roads and requires them now to be worked under the old township system, I think it better to make a further explanation of this matter.

"The new law does not prohibit the road board from employing a road engineer or working the roads just as they are now doing. It does not require the board to work the roads under a township unit. It simply provides a discretion that road board may exercise, and enables it to do as they are doing or leaves to them the right to return to the township as a unit of adopt any other unit that they may see fit.

"Under the old law they were forced to only one plan or method. Under the new law this is no longer true, but they may use their own judgment in the matter.

## AHOSKIE WOMEN HAVE AESTHETIC INCLINATIONS

That the women of Ahoskie are lovers of things aesthetic and admire nature's beauties is pretty well indicated by the profuseness of the potted plants and flowers seen in almost every available building where the warmth is sufficient to keep them alive during the winter months.

Recent cold days have put the housewives busy finding a storage against the freezing weather to come. Banks, stores, and warm offices have been utilized.

There are two nice displays at the Farmers-Atlantic Bank, one in the ladies rest room and another in the hall on the third floor. In several of the store windows of the town other collections have been placed.

Some of the flowers, of course, are kept at home, and where the structure is of sufficient warmth, all are cared for and enjoyed during the winter months. Especially attractive both in quality and quantity is the array of potted plants at the brick home of Mrs. Mark Gatling.

## FEBRUARY COURT WILL BEGIN NEXT MONDAY, 26

Both Criminal and Civil Cases  
Will Be Tried; Judge Daniels  
Presiding

The regular February term of Hertford County Superior Court will convene in Winton next Monday, with Judge Frank Daniels presiding. It will be a one week's term, devoted to the trial of both criminal and civil cases. The first two days of the session will be given over to the criminal docket, leaving only three days for the civil cases. No cases are set for Saturday.

Only petty criminal cases will come up for trial. Ahoskie will probably furnish the two most important trials, one being for unlawful possession of liquor, and the other being the trial of the Holloman brothers, colored, for resisting officer and assault. Other cases include larceny, carrying concealed weapons, and other minor criminal offenses.

Flora Ford, colored woman of Ahoskie, who stayed at home to do the week's washing December 18 and who was caught in a raid on her house by Sheriff Scull, will have to tell a jury what she was doing with a still in her house. She is now out on bail.

Eulus and R. L. Holloman, colored, will not have to stay in the county jail but a few days before learning their fate at the hands of a jury. They are the fellows who made a desperate attempt to prevent the search of their house near Ahoskie by deputy sheriff O. H. Britton and Roberts Jernigan. Both are now in jail awaiting trial.

In making up the civil docket for the week's term, the attorneys probably took into account the condition of the roads, and the usual hindrances to attending court in mid-winter. The docket is very light and does not contain any important cases.

Ahoskie has plenty of litigation pending on the court calendar, but the absence of any "big cases" will preclude any large attendance from here. In this respect it is unlike the court calendars of twelve months ago.

The full civil docket is published in another column of the HERALD.

## Winton Township Ranks Fourth In Property Listed For Taxation In 1922

Real estate and personal property listed for taxation in Winton Township, other than property listed by corporations and payable to the sheriff, aggregate nearly a million and a half dollars, \$1,459,053, for the year 1922. This township ranks fourth in the total amount of property listed for taxation purposes.

According to figures on the tax lists, more than twice as many negroes paid poll tax in Winton Township as whites, the figures being 123 whites and 265 negroes. This is the largest percentage of colored persons in either of the other five townships. White persons, however, list more than two-thirds of the property, although there are several medium size colored landowners in Winton Township. The negroes of the township have listed real estate and personal property to the aggregate value of \$452,707.

Practically two-fifths of the real estate in the township is listed by colored people. Personal property listed by the two races shows a much larger percentage in favor of white residents. Real estate owned by colored persons amounts to \$302,874, while the whites own \$412,423 worth of real estate, as shown by the list books. Personal property listed by negroes amounts to \$89,585; whites, \$396,650 or more than four times the amount listed by colored persons.

Three hundred and sixty-nine town lots are listed by both races, and are divided as follows: whites, 221 at \$180,774; negroes, 148 at \$60,248. Other items listed under the aggregate value of all real estate holdings include \$2,500 worth of manufactured property, all owned by white persons; timber rights to the value of \$11,999, also owned exclusively by white persons.

Items listed under personal property, and their values, according to races as follows:

Merchandise—\$26,342, owned by whites; \$2,937, by negroes; material being manufactured—owned by whites, \$18,942; by negroes, \$100; household and kitchen furniture, less \$300 exemption—\$13,222 by whites, \$2,878 by negroes; horses—74 by whites, value \$5,080; 141 by negroes, value \$9,285; mules—120 by whites, value \$9,035; 167 by negroes, value \$11,768; sheep—127 by whites, value \$508; goats—40 by whites, value \$1 each; 101 by negroes, value \$1 each; hogs—672 by whites, value \$2,692; 1370 by negroes, value \$4,833; milk cattle—59 by whites, value \$1,458; 99 by negroes, value \$2,043; other cattle—161 by whites, value \$1,752; 110 by negroes, value \$1,075; firearms and other items under sections 53-80—\$31,166 by whites, \$7,735 by negroes; solvent credits \$287,388 by whites, \$46,164 by negroes; other items not specified—\$1,025 by whites, \$66 by negroes.

## HOLLOMAN NEGROES RESIST EFFORTS TO ENTER THEIR HOME

Deputy O. H. Britton and Rob-  
erts Jernigan Have Trouble  
In Securing Mortgaged  
1922 Crop

### GUN FAILS TO KEEP NEGRO OFF BRITTON

Three Brothers Brought To  
Ahoskie For Trial, and Sent  
To County Jail

Eulus and R. L. Holloman, colored, are reposing in the county jail at Winton awaiting trial at the February term of superior court next week, both charged with resisting and assaulting an officer; and B. W. Holloman, brother to the two is out on bail for disposing of mortgaged property. O. H. Britton, deputy sheriff of Ahoskie, was the officer who was the object of the Holloman family's assault. Britton was accompanied on his trip to the Holloman home, a few miles from Ahoskie last Thursday afternoon, by Roberts Jernigan and his drayman, "Rabbit" Weaver.

The assault occurred when deputy Britton and Mr. Jernigan attempted to enter the Holloman home to search for part of the 1922 crop of peanuts and other articles on which the firm of Garrett & Jernigan had a crop, lien and chattel mortgage. They had discovered several bags of peanuts in the barn and loft, but believed a part of the crop had been hidden in the house, since the small portion found did not include all that the Holloman's had produced on their farm. "Rabbit", who was driving his mule and wagon, had started on his way back to Ahoskie and was probably several hundred feet away from the scene of trouble when it began. B. W. Holloman was not at home when the search was made.

As Britton started in the front door of the house, one of the Holloman boys defied him to enter but was momentarily prevented from blocking the entrance when the deputy fired a shot from his revolver near the colored man's head. However, a little thing like a pistol shot did not scare this fellow. He followed Britton closely, and just as they entered the door in a flash he tripped Britton to the floor and fell upon him into the room.

While the big, burly negro wrestled with Britton in an attempt to take the gun from his hand, Mr. Jernigan was having trouble with the other negro man and a sister, the latter using a cart round on Britton's legs as he was lying on the floor, and the brother attempting to get the gun from Britton. Mr. Jernigan brushed aside the man and woman and pounced upon the one on the floor who was trying to wrest the gun from Britton. "Rabbit" was also summoned along about that time.

Britton, the negro Holloman, and Mr. Jernigan, lying upon the floor in the order named (beginning with the floor), fought for the loaded gun. In the meantime, the brother and sister were trying to get into the scramble, but the heel of Mr. Jernigan's shoe held them back until the drayman arrived. By the time he came, Mr. Jernigan had secured the gun, and forced the negro off sheriff Britton.

Each of the trio got a negro and held them until Britton put an end to their viciousness by applying the handcuffs. After cuffing the two men together, one of them deliberately laid down and refused to be taken. A healthy swat from the "persuader" carried by Britton changed his mind.

B. W. Holloman was also found in the neighborhood, and all three were brought to Ahoskie, where they were given a preliminary trial before Magistrate J. H. Mitchell. Eulus and R. L. were remanded to jail in default of \$400 bond each, and their brother, B. W., was placed under \$250 bond. All three were placed in jail, the latter securing bail a day or two later.

### NEW METHODIST PASTOR

Rev. Mr. Barber, formerly of Greensboro, has arrived in Ahoskie to take up the pastorate of the Methodist Church. He delivered two strong sermons Sunday morning and night. Large audiences greeted him at both services.