

HINES RESIGNS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS IN HERTFORD

Commissioners Vote To Ask For Resignation; Worrell Is Only Member Voting Against Request

ENDS CONTROVERSY BEGUN IN OCTOBER

Balance of Roads May Be Built By Jameson Brothers, By Contract

F. G. Hines, acting upon the request made by five of the road commissioners of the county, on last Monday afternoon tendered his resignation as superintendent of roads in Hertford County. J. B. Worrell, of Maney's Neck, was the only member of the board who did not want Mr. Hines' resignation and he voted against Dr. Polard's motion to request a resignation. Mr. Hines severed his relation with the county immediately.

Trouble has been brewing within the board for several months, having its inception last October, before the old board retired. At that time, the six commissioners deadlocked on the proposition, and the issue had never come to a head until last Monday, when a session was had for the purpose of locating the Ahoskie-Powelsville road, following a clash of opinions between Superintendent Hines and J. R. Garrett member of the board from Ahoskie township.

Since the new board came into existence, there has been little or no friction openly, but few, if any, meetings have been entirely free from personal clashes between Mr. Hines and members of the board. Mr. Garrett showing a particular dislike for the superintendent—a dislike that was returned by Mr. Hines. There has been apparent dissatisfaction over the results obtained from road work in the county, and for the past five months the board has been taking inventory of the work done, and gathering data and information upon which to build some permanent policy of handling the half million dollar bond issue.

Representative Lawrence came to the rescue while in the late Legislature by amending the county road law, giving the board broader powers in administering the affairs of office, and leaving optional the question of county or township unit of road work. Until that time, the law said a road superintendent must be employed to handle the construction work.

With the going of Hines as superintendent and no action towards employing a man for the position he has been holding, the indication is a return to a purely township system in so far as maintenance is concerned. Township crews will be maintained, to keep up the roads already built in this territory. At present a road building force is also assigned to each township and construction projects are under way.

Whether this system will be continued is a matter of conjecture, although the odds are against it. For, the board has asked the county commissioners to take charge of all equipment and inventory it. It is expected that it will be disposed of at sale.

Jameson Bros., road construction men, who are building the State highway from Murfreesboro to Winton, may finish the job begun by Mr. Hines. A. J. Jameson, senior member of the firm which is the largest road construction company in the South, was in Winton Monday, to confer with the board and offered to enter into a contract to build roads in the county. Nothing definite was done at that time, but the proposition will be taken up with the road builders.

What many have advocated from the beginning, that is, building a half million dollars worth of roads by contract, may yet become the policy of the board. Between 80 and 100 miles

CO-OPERATIVE MEMBERS FORM AN ORGANIZATION

Hertford County Members hold Meeting at Winton on Saturday

Farmers in this county have joined themselves together with the avowed purpose of securing better marketing facilities, through the medium of marketing associations. Last Saturday, members of the Tobacco and Cotton Co-Operative Associations met in Winton and perfected their county organization for the Co-Operative Associations, electing officers and executive committee to serve for the year 1923.

The following were elected: Chairman, S. E. Winborne; Vice Chairman for Tobacco Association, B. N. Sykes, of Harrellsville; Vice Chairman, for Cotton Association, R. A. Holloman, of Aulander; Vice Chairman for Peanut Association, J. J. Vann, of Aulander; Secretary, R. C. Mason, of Harrellsville; Executive Committee, J. K. Parker for Cotton Association; W. A. Thomas, for Peanut Exchange, and E. V. Grissom for Tobacco Association.

The State Tobacco Association was represented at the meeting by Mr. Spoolman of Lewiston, and the Cotton Association by J. C. Jones of Warrenton. These two men explained the plans of the association, and helped in the organization of the county association.

The members of the Association who attended the meeting expressed much confidence in the two Associations, and were satisfied with the manner in which the sales of the crops have been handled by the officers and directors.

The Cotton and Tobacco Growers Association are now preparing to make a third payment on the cotton and tobacco of their members, and the checks for this payment are going to be sent through the county local organizations.

The Peanut Association is working hard to increase the membership of its organization, and thereby gain control over a majority of the crop. Manager De Pencier has just returned from a trip through Georgia, where he has secured members to a co-operative association there.

The first skirmish in the Association's suits against cleaners for restraining trade was held in federal courts last week. The petition offered by the cleaners to dismiss the action was over-ruled by Judge Groner; and the Association was ordered to file specific allegations.

LADIES HOSTS AT EASTER EGG HUNT

Mesdames W. H. Basnight and P. E. Dukes gave an Easter egg hunt Monday at 10:30 a. m. to the little folk of the community.

Over 200 candy eggs were hidden in the woods on the town suburbs. There was much fun and a great scramble among the children trying to find the most eggs. Earl Forbes won first prize and Sadie Mulder second prize. Those enjoying the hunt were Earl Forbes, Aisie Gerock, Sadie Mulder, Rachael Collins, Sidney Bowers, Joseph Copeland, Harold Deering Copeland, Henry Leary Copeland, Jennings Myers Bobby Copeland, Lila Frances Mitchell, Lellie Mitchell, T. H. Sinclair, Marguerite Odum, Catherine Chapin, Pauline Savage, Frances Boyette, Louise Boyette, Virginia Bozeman, May Marsh Bozeman, Mary Rives Parker, J. E. Parker, Mildred Parker and James Hobbs.

of road have already been built in the county, leaving to be built approximately 250 miles. Jameson Brothers may get the contract to finish the job.

If the balance of the bond issue is spent on contract work and Jameson Brothers get the job, the county road equipment will figure in the transaction, the contractors having verbally agreed to take it over at a price to be agreed upon. A tentative price of \$1,500 per mile was suggested by the road contractors.

Mr. Hines, ex-superintendent, has not yet announced his plans for the future, although he has been offered a position with Jameson Bros., the contractors who are figuring on the work in the county. The HERALD has learned that the new position would carry with it a salary of \$500 per month and expenses. Mr. Hines, however, has not accepted the position, and will not announce his plans for 30 or 60 days.

Ahoskie Rats In Danger Of Lives

Miss Anna Mae Wright Here This Week Explaining Rat-Killing Campaign

If the young ladies and women of Ahoskie knew there were two rats lurking in some dark corner nearby, ready to create a "scene" by coming from out their hiding places and promiscuously sitting around there would be little necessity for calling attention to the necessary business of providing an exterminator for these rodents.

Miss Anna Mae Wright, of Portsmouth, Va., known in 22 states she has visited as the pretty "Pied Piper", has long ago discovered that there are on an average of two rats to every person in every town of any size. She has also found out that these rats are not particular about whose home or place of business they browse in, just so long as they can get something to live on.

Miss Wright is spending a few days in Ahoskie conducting a rat-killing campaign, the method being an approved preparation of calcium carbonate mixed with appetizing foods—the kind usually laid waste by the hungry rat. She has conducted demonstrations here this week, showing how effective her rat killer is.

Her work is similar to campaigns put on at other towns and cities in the State. Wherever she has been, the woman's clubs or other civic organizations have heartily joined in the war against rats, after learning just how destructive this tribe is to every community. According to government estimates, in Ahoskie there are about 3,000 rats or 2 to every person, and the estimated damage done by them, through fires, disease spreading, and food destruction goes well above \$5,000. In fact, estimates are that it costs about that much to feed them.

The Chamber of Commerce listened to Miss Wright's plan of campaign Tuesday night, and endorsed the work, both in spirit and co-operation. All day Wednesday she called upon the business people of the town and outlined the plan of extermination. The calcium carbonate will be distributed through the drug stores of the town, where directions for mixing can be secured also.

Directions for poisoning rats: To one teaspoonful of barium carbonate powder mix with 3 or 4 spoonfuls of any kind of food a rat will eat. For absolute results use three kinds of bait mixtures separately and continue with whichever they eat several nights or until they disappear.

SATURDAY WILL BE TAG DAY IN AHOSKIE

Get out your nickels, folks; and, if you don't have the change make it equal to size of the coin or the bill! Saturday will be collection day for all such coins; and, if you expect to be in Ahoskie, bring along some loose money with you. Several young ladies of the town will circulate around the town Saturday with tags, selling them for five cents and above. The revenue derived from the sale will be turned over to the fund for a marker to the Hertford County veterans of the World War. The U. D. C. chapter here is putting on this Tag Day program, and its officers expect to raise a nice sum for the marker fund. Don't disappoint them.

COLERAIN PEOPLE WANT NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Colerain, April 4.—The regular meeting of the Colerain Parent-Teacher Association, has been postponed from the 5th to Thursday the 12th inst. and will be held in the Reading Room at 8 o'clock that night.

After business meeting including a report of finances by treasurer, there will be a report from meeting of County Board of Education by Dr. L. A. Nowell, exhibition and explanation of blue print of school building by the building manager. The 100 per cent father discussed by R. B. Lineberry. Poem, "Father and Son", by Mrs. C. W. Beasley. "If I am Ill Bred, How About my Child", by Mrs. Dora Saunders. Poem, "My Boy", by Mr. C. B. Morris.

NECESSARY FOR FARMERS TO TAKE STEPS IN TIME

Boll Weevil Control Measures Which Should Be Observed This Year

While we are not expecting any really serious damage from the cotton boll weevil this year, we have no guarantee that he won't injure us some and possibly quite a bit of weather conditions are as favorable for him as they were last year. I have (pardon the personal reference) farmed in Southern Mississippi for several years under boll weevil conditions and can truthfully say that the only safe way to figure the weevil is to expect the worst and every year and work accordingly. Then if he lets you by with only a small damage just consider yourself lucky and don't think you have mastered the boll weevil problem.

There are certain things that every farmer can and should do every year that will greatly lessen the danger of severe loss from the weevil. Among these things are the following:

1. Thoroughly prepare the seed bed before planting the cotton. This is much more important than trying to get the cotton planted so early. From the first to tenth of May are probably our best dates for planting.
2. Use plenty of commercial fertilizer, 600 to 900 pounds per acre of a good high grade material. If you use a ready mixed fertilizer, mix 50 to 100 pounds of soda with your other fertilizer per acre. A second application of fertilizer rarely, if ever, pays under weevil conditions, for whether it's soda or what not, it tends to cause a late growth which is undesirable, for the weevil is going to get the late bolls.
3. Plant one of the big boll varieties of cotton, either the Wannamaker Cleveland or the Mexican big boll, and be sure that you plant good pure seed. To get them from a reliable breeder is by far the best way. Plant at least one bushel of seed per acre.
4. Plant the cotton in 3 foot or 3 foot, 3 inch rows and leave it thick in the drill, two to four stalks every hoe width part. This thickening of the cotton will tend to dwarf the stalk and cause it to fruit earlier, which is what you want. Besides, all tests go to prove that it will greatly increase the yield. The thick spacing is very important.
5. Cultivate the cotton shallow and often, once per week if possible. This will hasten the fruiting which is what you want.

The things mentioned above are the most important for the farmer to get in mind right now. Other control measures, such as picking up and destroying the first squares, destroying the early weevils, dusting with calcium arsenate etc., will be taken up as the season advances.

I would strongly urge every farmer who can give some personal attention to such matters, prepare to do some dusting on a small scale this year for the experience he will gain in WHEN and HOW to spray. The spraying may not be necessary from an economical standpoint this year, but the experience will be well worth while for next year.

If you will make up your mind right now to learn, and to put into practice, all the practical information that we have regarding Control Measure of the Weevil, or decide to quit raising cotton altogether, you will be a lot better off five years from now.

If you wish to get the addresses of firms selling Calcium Arsenate or Dusting Machines, I will be glad to furnish same upon request.

H. L. MILLER, County Agent.

BUSINESS CHANGES TAKING PLACE HERE

D. L. Thomas and son, Julian Thomas, have rented from Z. V. Bellamy his entire stock of goods and will conduct the business at the same stand, in the store recently acquired by the Ahoskie Department Store.

Mr. Bellamy, who is also proprietor of the Ahoskie Ice Cream Company, is temporarily located in the Pepsi-Cola Company's home in Newsome's Block. He will soon begin operations on a larger scale than ever.

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AHOSKIE POSTOFFICE IS SETTING HIGH RECORDS

Sales of Stamps and Money Orders Show Large Increase During First Quarter

Receipts from sales of stamps and money orders at the Ahoskie postoffice provide another indication of the era of prosperity that is reigning here; and which is in line with conditions throughout the country at this period. According to postmaster A. T. Willoughby there is no indication of hard times at this office, which supplies a very large territory in this and Bertie county. He says "the people are spending money here as freely as they did last fall up to the holidays."

Stamp sales for the quarter ending March 31, 1923 amounted to \$2,075.46. During the same period of 1922 the total sales were \$1,767.19, the net gain for this year being \$308.27, or an increase of 17 1-2 per cent.

The biggest quarter receipts ever made in the Ahoskie postoffice, according to Mr. Willoughby's records, was the last one in 1922, which showed stamp sales of \$2,166.54, while the other business of the postoffice kept pace at the same rate of increase.

Money order writing at the office here has also increased to large proportions since the advent of 1923. The increase in that department has been even greater than in stamp sales, the increase over that of the first quarter of 1922 being approximately 20 per cent.

Notwithstanding the addition of 45 new lock boxes this year, the demand has increased to such extent that others may have to be installed. Every box in the office is rented and there are many who are clamoring for boxes.

There are 165 lock boxes in the office here, in three different sizes, which rent at 45, 60, and 75 cents, respectively. Of that number, 135 rent at the lower figure, and from which the department realizes \$60.75 per quarter. Twenty-two boxes that rent at 60 cents bring a total of \$13.20 per quarter; and 8 boxes at 75 cents total \$6.00, making the entire revenue from box rent \$79.95 per quarter.

If the present rate of sales keeps up during the year, Ahoskie may secure rating as second class postoffice. April business, according to Mr. Willoughby, has started off fine.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS CANNOT COME APRIL

Former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, will not be able to speak in Hertford County in April, according to a letter received by Miss Myrtle Swindell, county home demonstrator. Miss Swindell had planned to have Mr. Daniels speak at Winton in interest of General Improvement Campaign among the county schools. She has received the following letter from him:

"I had hope to be able to come down to Eastern North Carolina in April, but I find that I am so pressed with duties that I must deny myself the pleasure. I trust it is only a pleasure deferred and that I shall have the pleasure of coming one of these days."

ISSUES FOLDER

The Chamber of Commerce has just issued the "Tusca-ROARER", a publication published "Every-Once-in-a-while". Frank P. Meadows, Sec. of the chamber is responsible for its appearance, and the HERALD takes the glory for its beauty of printing, being in three colors, and artistically ornamented. On the front leaf is an Indian head, designed by Secretary Meadows, printed in red. The Farmers-Atlantic Back uses the back sheet for advertising purposes. One of the inside pages is given over to a recital of pertinent facts and figures about Ahoskie and the Roanoke-Chowan section, while the other has printed on it the April Calendar, drawn up and originated by Mr. Meadows. It is a neat piece of work; and has made a hit with those who have seen it.

REAL ESTATE WILL BE VALUED SAME AS NOW ASSESSED

W. A. Thomas of Cofield Appointed Supervisor During Year at a Salary of \$100 Per Month

DIPPING VATS WILL BE TAKEN UP LATER

Sheriff Ordered to Take Inventory of Road Equipment in The County

There will be no revaluation of real estate in Hertford County this year, say the commissioner's. At last Monday's meeting in Winton, the board voted to allow the assessment of property remain as it now stands on the list books, which is 33 1-3 per cent below the valuation placed upon county property in 1921 under the Bickett Revaluation Act.

The following resolution was adopted by the commissioners:

"It appearing to the board of commissioners of Hertford County that the present existing assessed valuation of real estate is as nearly correct according to the value in money of the same as could be arrived at by a re-assessment thereon, now, therefore be it resolved by the said board, that the assessed valuation of the real estate in Hertford County be continued in force, subject to equalization during the current year."

W. A. Thomas, prominent farmer of Cofield and a man who is thoroughly familiar with property values in the county, was appointed to fill the office of tax supervisor for the year 1923, at a salary of \$100 per month. He will appoint township supervisors who will aid him in his work of equalizing the values placed upon real estate in the county. In deciding to continue the present valuation of property, the commissioners of this county have done what has been the popular thing with other county boards in the State. In a very few instances has any county ordered a new assessment for this year.

Next in importance and interest to the county board was the matter of building dipping vats. Definite action on construction of vats has been deferred until the exact number to be built has been ascertained. The six commissioners were appointed to decide upon the number and location of vats in each township, and they will report at a later meeting. Approximately forty vats will be required, it is thought.

Cement for construction of vats was ordered purchased from J. N. Vann & Brother, of Ahoskie, at \$3.30 per barrel. The cement will be used as needed and paid for out of the county funds.

Wilson & Co., of Suffolk, installers of the heating system at the courthouse were requested to make certain additions and changes to the plant before receiving the balance due by the county to them. The commissioners employed a plumbing inspector to go over the job, and he recommended further work to be done before it be accepted by the county.

The road commissioners having taken an inventory of the road equipment in the county, they made a request upon the county board to order the sheriff to take charge of the equipment on hand and inventory same. The commissioners ordered the inventory made, with its ultimate sale in view.

This action was the last of a busy day's session, in which many bills against the county were approved and ordered paid.

ICE PLANT AT WORK

The new engine of the Ahoskie Ice and Coal Company has been shugging away during the last few days, although continuous operation has not begun for the spring and summer. This company has recently installed a crude oil engine with which to drive its machinery.