

CATTLE TICK FORCES COUNTY TO BORROW MONEY

Railroad Men Speakers At Big Chicken Spread

Messrs. Cobb and Lucas Tell of
Plans of Roads, and Ask
For Co-Operation of
Business Interests

**DISTINCTLY A HOME
AFFAIR ALL AROUND**

Secretary Meadows Gives Re-
sume of Work and Outlines
Future Policies

Failure of the advertised
topliner for the Chamber of
Commerce meeting to show up
Tuesday night was no deter-
rent to those fifty-two persons
who sat around the banquet
table for two hours and feasted
on brain and body food. Nor-
man Y. Chambliss, President of
the State Secretarial Associa-
tion, was unable to attend; but
the speechmaking was well
taken care of by another Rocky
Mount person, a representative
of the Atlantic Coast Line Rail-
road.

Toastmaster V. D. Strickland
knew his business Tuesday
night when he let man's appet-
ite have full sway, and post-
poned all toastmaking and
speechmaking until the leg of
a chicken had been eaten by
every banqueter, a few garden
peas had been masticated, and
the ice tea had been used as a
chaser.

Ahoskie chickens, home
grown garden peas, and ice
cream "Made in Ahoskie" stamped
the banquet as a distinctly
domestic affair. Even the
presence of C. N. Cobb and
E. C. Lucas, A. C. L. R. R. officials,
and Mr. Cotton, a lumber
man of Chicago, did not alter
the fact of its domesticity, for
they were made to feel at
home, and were referred to by
the toastmaster as a part of
Ahoskie.

Dr. C. G. Powell started the works
in response to an invitation for a
toast by Mr. Strickland. It was
short and snappy, just like the crowd
wanted, and those that followed were
patterned after Doctor's. Jas. L.
Crawford, "the pleasant decliner,"
spoke briefly or long enough to tell
the folks that he wished he could
make them a talk; Walter Curtis, ex-
mayor, supplied for Mayor Williams
and his most significant remark was
abiding faith in his home town and
exhilaration at being a citizen of
Ahoskie; Professor K. T. Raynor
spoke briefly of the school situation;
and Secretary Frank Meadows gave
a resume of the accomplishments of
the chamber of commerce.

Chief among the actual works done
is the organization of a building and
loan association, completing a com-
mittee form of organization, and a
better civic pride among the citizen-
ship.

Organization of a credit associa-
tion and a campaign to build up the
Ahoskie tobacco market were among
the things Secretary Meadows out-
lined as being projects for which the
chamber can now work. He was
given strong applause as he called
for an expression of support.

Mr. Cobb, divisional superintendent
of the A. C. L., was reminiscent
in his short talk, telling of the great
growth of Ahoskie during the thirty
years he had been working on the
division. He also told of the cor-
responding development of the road
for which he was working. He com-
plimented Ahoskie on having such a
live, active commercial organization,
and said he knew of no other agency
quite so powerful in city and com-
munity development.

Mr. E. C. Lucas, of the A. C. L.
railroad, made the principal talk,
outlining briefly the great program
of expansion planned and now being
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TOWN COUNCIL HAS ITS FIRST SESSION

Ahoskie's newly elected com-
missioners spent two hours and a
half in their first regular busi-
ness meeting Monday night. It
was eleven o'clock before ad-
journment was taken. The new
members were acquainting them-
selves with the financial status
of the town exchequer, and lis-
tening to the most urgent mat-
ters as presented by their mayor
and clerk, attorney L. C. Wil-
liams, the only surviving mem-
ber of the former board.

One of the most significant
acts of the council, was to put
the lid down on any further ex-
tensions to those who have not
settled for 1922 taxes. Con-
stable Britton was ordered to
collect all taxes due the town on
or before the 11th day of this
month. Failure to pay by that
time will subject the tax delin-
quents to advertising and levy-
ing. Notice to that effect is con-
tained in another column of this
paper.

Powellsville is still seeking to
purchase electric current from
the town power plant, and is ne-
gotiating with the council for a
lower rate than that originally
signed for. Mayor Williams is
now investigating the charges
made towns by other municipal
electric plants, particularly Wil-
son and Scotland Neck in this
State, and Franklin, Va. Winton
also is seeking a cheaper rate.

In the meantime, Ahoskie is
sweltering under mid-summer
heat, some commercial motors
are idle, fans go only at night,
housewives are perspiring like
the proverbial election-going
darkey, while the town light
plant ceases to give either light
or power after five o'clock in the
morning. The fifteen-day period
of day service in May gave Aho-
skie a good appetite for the ser-
vice, and its curtailment is felt
more keenly on that account.

Little if anything will be
done with the figures compiled
during the two periods of opera-
tion.

REV. V. E. DUNCAN RESIGNS PASTORATES

Rev. V. E. Duncan of Mapleton,
who has been serving as pastor of the
Mount Tabor Baptist church for two
years, and who also held several other
pastorates in this section, including
the Woodland Baptist church, has
tendered his resignation to all of his
people, to take effect immediately.
Rev. Mr. Duncan will leave for
Louisville, Ky., some time the early
part of next month, to complete his
seminary course. His friends and es-
pecially members of his churches re-
gret to lose him from their midst.

PARCEL POST SALE AT COMMERCE ROOMS

Circle number 2 of the Woman's
Missionary Society, Ahoskie Baptist
church, will have a twenty-five cent
"Parcel Post" sale, Saturday, June
9, at the office of the Chamber of
Commerce. The sale begins at 2
o'clock.

The proceeds from the sale will be
used to help eliminate the debt on the
pastorium. The public is cordially
invited to buy a package and enjoy
the surprise.

ANOTHER MEMBER FOR AHOSKIE BAR

Mr. Norman Prevatt, of Lumber-
ton, arrived in Ahoskie this week to
begin the practice of law. He is
associated with attorney Roswell C.
Bridger, their offices being in the
Britton building. Attorney Prevatt
recently completed his law course at
Wake Forest College. He was a
member of the Supreme Court Class
of February.

Attorney Bridger with whom he
has become associated maintains an
office in Winton, his home town.

MARKER FUND NOW AT HALF WAY MARK

Mrs. Bridger Issues Another
Appeal For Money To Pur-
chase Memorial

Half of the amount neces-
sary for the purchase of a
marker commemorating the
Hertford County dead in the
World War has been raised,
but, according to Mrs. R. C.
Bridger of Winton, in charge
of the campaign, "the other
half is lagging."

Schools in the county did
nobly by the fund, and a good-
ly portion of that amount al-
ready raised came from the
pupils and teachers, although
contributions have been re-
ceived from other sources. A
peculiar fact about many of
the contributions is that they
have come from former service
men. They have been largely
responsible for the amounts
coming in, outside the schools.

Mrs. Bridger has called upon
every agency to double up their
energies in the one last drive, and make
sure the funds to pay for the marker.
In a letter addressed to the HERALD
Mrs. Bridger says "I'm not going to
give up. I must have it."

She has addressed the following
letter of appeal to the people of
Hertford County, and underneath
her appeal is an original poem fur-
ther calling for help in producing
the funds. The letter is as follows:

"Friends: The monument fund
is trailing, are you willing that
dust shall collect on Hertford
County honor, and love of her
young youth, the youth that
faced cannon, shot, and shell,
that Hertford County's honor
might be saved from slackerism
while you stayed at home, faced
no danger, never went hungry,
wet or cold? Shall Hertford
County be the last county to
honor her heroic dead. A dollar
from every man, 25c from every
woman, will place the fund over
the top. Will you not send it.
Please do. Half of the amount
is in hand, where is the other
half? One half is no good with-
out the other half. I beg your
help. MRS. R. C. BRIDGER."

This little message is sent to you
"Work your quarters and dollars too
To build in memory of heroes rare
A monument on Court house square."
Our county boys who gave their all
For liberty, and country's call,
Are waiting now our love to prove;
So send the funds to make it more.

'Twas Hertford boys that broke the
line
That caused the armistice to be
signed.
Our boys in khaki, how proud were we
The day we watched them ride away.
Our Gold Star Mothers are looking
now
For us to place their names on high
In granite, marble, bronze alike
That all that pass may stay read and
write.

The County Chapters of the U. D. C.,
The schools, and men, and women
three
Are working hard, the fund to raise
Their County's honor, and praise to
save.

We ask your help, we ask your aid,
We ask it all, for those who gave
Their all to you, that you might be
The grandest nation on Earth to be.

COMMISSIONERS WILL LEVY NEXT MEETING

Not having all tax lists com-
pleted and without any informa-
tion about the total taxable prop-
erty in the county and townships,
the county commissioners have
postponed the annual levying of
tax rates until their next meet-
ing, or probably the first Monday
in August.

On the second Tuesday of
July, the commissioners will be-
gin sitting in Winton to hear
complaints from those who have
them to make about valuation.

Cultivate the garden after every
rain. Plant vegetables for succe-
sion.

LOCAL NEGROES TO OFFER MANY FACTS

Question of County Training
School Comes Before Edu-
cation Board Monday

Ahoskie colored persons are
going to Winton next Monday
determined to retain the Hert-
ford County Training School
where it has been since these
patrons by private subscription
met the State and county ap-
propriations. They will pre-
sent a strong appeal to the
county board of education, who
is the final arbiter in the loca-
tion of the school.

Strong forces are operating
against Ahoskie and in favor
of Dr. C. S. Brown, of the Wat-
ers Normal Institute, Winton.
But, local educators of both
races in Ahoskie are expecting
the board to vote to let the
school remain in Ahoskie.

Some of the facts regarding
the situation now existing and
what is proposed to do has
been furnished the HERALD
by Ahoskie interests and are
published below:

"In the session of the Legislature
in the year 1887 the 'Winton Acad-
emy' was incorporated 'for the edu-
cation of the colored people in Hert-
ford County.' In 1889 the Legisla-
ture changed the name of the said
corporation to that of 'Chowan Acad-
emy'. Later a man by the name of
Waters left a bequest to the said
academy and the trustees in his honor
decided to change the name again to
that of 'Waters Institute.' However,
the will of said Waters having been
contested and the bequest having al-
most been entirely lost by the school,
the name was never legally changed
to Waters Institute, though it has
been since known by that name. The
corporate stock of the school is owned
by the Colored Baptist Associa-
tion and the certificates of stock are
held by the various churches in the
Association. The school has received
large donations from people in the
North, but in spite of this great aid,
it has never been able to keep out of
debt, and is now, it has been said,
some \$4,000.00 in debt.

"Some years ago when the Special
Tax district was formed in Ahoskie
the lines were so run as to eliminate
negro property and consequently the
colored people of Ahoskie and vicini-
ty have been forced to maintain their
school by private subscription, the
state allowance being insufficient.
The colored people of Ahoskie have
by private subscription purchased a
very well located site and at present
have a good school, and would have
erected an Agricultural building a
year or two ago had not the State
Board of Education advised that they
defer building until materials were
cheaper. At this time they are ready,
able and anxious to erect all buildings
which number will increase each year.

"C. S. Brown, president of the
Waters Institute, now proposes to the
County Board of Education to con-
vey the property of said Institute to
the State, provided: (1) That the
said Institute and the Ahoskie school
be consolidated and the education of
the colored people of the county be
centralized in Winton. (2) That the
state and county pay off the indebted-
ness of his said school, and (3) that
the management of the said consoli-
dated school be placed indefinitely in
the hands of said Brown.

"Such action on the part of the
Board of Education would be against
the unanimous desire of the colored
people of Ahoskie, who are largely in
the majority; would incovenience
largely more than would be benefited;
would destroy the possibility of a
good school in Ahoskie and can be
for no other purpose than to place
upon the state and county a school
that has been more than a financial
failure so that Brown may have a
sinecure at the expense of the col-
ored people of Ahoskie."

There were 460,000 fewer persons
on American farms in 1922 than
in 1921. The back-to-the-soil cru-
sade needs a little oiling up.

BRAY BROTHERS WILL BE ASKED FOR ANOTHER LOAN TO HELP FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF QUOTA DIPPING VATS

Commissioners Have A Busy Day At Winton Monday. Road
Board Asked To Repair Roads; Advertising Taxes Deferred
Another Month; Action Upon School Budget Will
Be Taken Up Later

When in need of funds, call on Bray Bros., of Greensboro,
North Carolina! That is a slogan coined by the county commis-
sioners of Hertford.

The latest 'call' is now in the process of being made. John
A. Northcott, clerk to the board, has already despatched the
S. O. S.; and it is for \$10,000. And, what's furthermore, the
commissioners say they want that money immediately. Funds
are at low ebb, taxes are unpaid, and bills are about to envelop
the treasurer.

Blame it on the dipping vat! That's what caused it; not
one of the commissioners dares deny that fact. They are, in
fact, anxious to let the people the why of this much sought after
dipping loan. Twelve thousand dollars is the estimated cost of
the 46 dipping vats in the county. It may run below or it may
over-top that amount. To one sitting in at the meeting in Win-
ton last Monday, a recantation of bills against the county had a
tune something like that of the ditty on "John Brown", with the
words changed to something like this: "Hang the bill on the
dipping vat hook."

MORE PROTESTS ARE MADE AGAINST PLANS

"There is no earthly reason
for the draw to the Chowan river
bridge being built nearer the
Winton shore than the Gates
county side except to satisfy the
Albemarle Steam Navigation
Company, providing for that
company a draw located at a
point where it will not necessi-
tate its boats turning around in
order to dock at Winton." Henry
Taylor, tug boat owner and
pilot of Winton, insists on the
above statement being true, and
still believes it despite the re-
sults of the public hearing held
in Winton two weeks ago.

Mr. Taylor says many other
protests are being lodged with
the U. S. Army District Engineer
at Norfolk, since shipping and
barge interests who ply the
Chowan have learned the nature
of the proposed bridge at Win-
ton. The proposed draw being
so near the Winton side, Mr.
Taylor says it will be difficult
for the barge towers to get
through, especially if the wind
is at any appreciable height.
Sail boat owners are also pro-
testing, according to Mr. Taylor.

According to plans drawn by
the North Carolina State High-
way Commission, the draw will
be located 210 feet from the
Winton side and 420 feet from
the Gates side, across the chan-
nel of the river, which at that
point is 23 feet deep. In the
center of the stream, where Mr.
Taylor is contending the draw
should be built, the water at or-
dinary level is 20 feet deep.

Written protests are being
lodged with Major D. D. Pullen,
of the War Department, and the
cumulative endorsements of the
Albemarle Steam Navigation
Company have also been re-
duced to writing. Upon the findings
of the War Department will de-
pend the construction and loca-
tion of the bridge. In either
case, the bridge will be built by
the State Highway Commission.

BAPTIST PASTORS MEET AT AHOSKIE

The regular monthly conference
of pastors in the West Chowan Asso-
ciation was held at Ahoskie Tuesday.
The usual meeting place has been at
Murfreesboro. The visiting preach-
ers were entertained for dinner at
the home of Rev. E. J. Isenhower,
pastor of the local Baptist church.

One of the acts of the conference
of preachers was to guarantee a
scholarship at Chowan College.
Every one present agreed to donate
\$10 each, and when others not pre-
sent are given the opportunity, it is
expected that the fund will reach a
total large enough to guarantee two
scholarships.

Ordering the clerk to locate a loan
of \$10,000 was the closing act of the
commissioners at the June meeting.
If a loan cannot be secured within
Hertford County, which seems im-
probable, the Greensboro firm which
has been financing the county since
the issuance of the half million dol-
lars road bonds will be asked to lend
the county some more of its good
money.

Local inspectors for carrying out
the provisions of the dipping law
were appointed by the board,
although it "passed the buck" to the
state authorities on the matter of
dropping from the list of appointees
one surplus man. Only four men will
be required for duty and they are
paid by the State and Federal De-
partments, the county commissioners
making appointments subject to the
approval of the former.

All five men who have superintend-
ed construction of the vats were named
as inspectors, each commissioner
standing solidly by the appointee in
his township. Fred Parker of Mur-
freesboro was the appointee for Mur-
freesboro and Maney's Neck town-
ships, the latter township not having
a representative on the board. Others
named were W. P. Brewer, by Dr.
J. H. Mitchell, Ahoskie; W. E. Cul-
lens, by Jno. O. Askew, Jr., Harrells-
ville; Mills Jordan, by E. H. Eure,
Winton; Jack Vaughan, W. J.
Vaughan, St. Johns.

Dr. Wells, of the State Department,
is already in the county and expects
to begin dipping cattle within two
weeks. He was in Winton Monday.

They Want A Road

The commissioners mildly "hopped
on" the county road board Monday,
when a resolution was passed calling
the attention of the Maney's Neck
member to the condition of the road
leading to Maney's ferry; and asking
that it be put in shape for travel. It
was later learned that Mr. Worrell,
road commissioner, had already
made contract for its repair.

"Just like a ship without a captain
—drifting". That is what E. W.
Whitley, Murfreesboro commissioner,
thinks of the road board. He could-
n't see much good it would do to ask
anything of the companion board.

Monday presented a full day's
work for the county commissioners.
Practically the entire morning
session was given over to new business
and the approving of bills against the
county. Adjournment for dinner
left the commissioners with two or
three important items unconsidered,
among them being the borrowing of
money, levying tax rates, approving
the school budget, and clearing of the
invoice files.

Defer Important Issues
Approval or rejection of the school
budget for the 1923-24 session awaits
the next meeting of the board, or
whenever the commissioners have suf-
ficient information about the taxable
property in the county. Superintend-
ent N. W. Britton was in the board
room when this decision was made.
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