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## TOBACCO CROP RATED FINE WHILE OLD CORN IS POOR

**Hertford and Bertie Farmers Have Fine Growth and Also Grade of Tobacco According to Report of Department As of August 1. Area to the Northwest Is Among Poorest in State, Although Condition Is Good in Entire State.**

Confirming previous forecasts made in the HERALD comes the August 1 report by the State Department of Agriculture of the condition of the State's tobacco crop which is put down as "very good". This county and Bertie are ranked by the Department as having unusually good crops. Tobacco in these two counties is among the State's best, while a little further up-State, from Harnett to Bertie thence northwestward to Granville the crop is very poor.

The report of the State Statistician follows:

**Tobacco**  
The condition of the tobacco crop is general good over North Carolina with the best areas being in the eastern part of the coastal belt in the Sandhill section and from the Northampton County line eastward. Conditions are generally good thru the mountain crop where the crop is of no great importance, except in Madison where the conditions are relatively poor. Early tobacco is grown there and sold on the Tennessee market.

The counties having poor tobacco conditions are from Harnett in a straight line to Bertie and thence northwestward to Granville, with the Edgecombe crop having an average of less than 70 per cent. The counties adjacent to Stokesdale show the condition of 80 per cent, with Rockingham being only 69 per cent. The belt from Guilford to Nash average 80 to 90 per cent and with the exception of the poor crops mentioned previously the condition averages from 80 to 100 per cent through the belt. This indicates a very good crop which for the state averages 86 per cent. The central coastal belt averages highest of 91 per cent and the southern coastal area 87 per cent. The poorest area is in the northwestern counties including Surry and Yadkin, Wilkes being very much better.

The tobacco crop was damaged very considerably by hail extending in a narrow strip from Pitt to Wayne county. Harvesting is in full progress and markets have opened in the south Coastal belt which extends into Robeson, Bladen and Columbus counties. Prices are generally considered satisfactory.

The prospects for the National crop on a condition basis of 83 per cent, two per cent increase in acreage is 1,474,000,000 pounds. The North Carolina crop averaged 86 per cent of normal, forecasting 688 pounds to the acre on one per cent reduced area, making a crop of 350,000,000 pounds.

The area showing the largest increase in acreage was in the New Belt where conditions were generally satisfactory. Interest in this weed crop is increasing in the boll weevil infested counties.

### PREPARING TO ERECT TRANSMISSION LINES

Mr. Caddell, electrical contractor of Norfolk, Va., was a visitor in this town Monday morning, being enroute to Powellsville, where he met with the town officials regarding the construction of electric transmission lines from that town to the Ahoskie electric light plant.

A contract has been signed between Ahoskie and Powellsville, whereby the former is to furnish current to Powellsville. However, the contract for construction of the transmission lines has been held up pending the final outcome of competitive bidders on the work.

Contract for the erection of lines to Winton has already been made between that town and Messrs. Burke and Banks of Norfolk. It is possible that construction work on both of the lines will soon begin.

### TELEPHONE OFFICE IN AHOSKIE OPENS FOR FULL SERVICE

Chowan & Roanoke Telephone Company Inaugurates Additional Service Without Any Extra Charge

### MANY NEW PHONES TO BE INSTALLED

Few Strong Protests Against A Higher Charge for Continuous Service

Continuous telephone service was inaugurated by the Chowan & Roanoke Telephone Company at the Ahoskie exchange Wednesday, August 15. The local exchange will be open continuously throughout the day, and an operator has been placed on all-night service, guaranteeing local and long distance service for all patrons of the telephone company through the Ahoskie exchange.

For this added service there will be no increase in phone rents. All users of Chowan and Roanoke Telephone service will pay the same monthly stipend for rent, the officials of the company voluntarily agreeing to enlarge the service without making their patrons pay for it. In doing this, the telephone company has not only granted the request of the local Chamber of Commerce in giving the added service, but they have done it without extra charge, although the directors of the Chamber of Commerce endorsed a raise of 50 cents per phone.

Two weeks ago, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce invited the telephone company officials here for a conference, the outcome of the meeting being a promise from the company that it would inaugurate 24-hour continuous service on August 15, increasing the phone rents 50 cents per month when the service was inaugurated. The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce endorsed the program. In the meantime, it also made recommendations to the town council that a fire alarm box be placed in the local exchange office, thus guaranteeing better fire protection, and insuring a means of turning in quick alarm at any time of the day or night.

Announcement of the new service and added charges was made in the press, and from some quarters there came protests at the increased rate for phones. At the request of Dr. L. A. Nowell, President, M. R. Montague, Secretary, and H. S. Basnight, director of the phone company, another meeting of all telephone users was called for last Monday night, to hear protests and make a final decision.

What protests there were came out at the Monday night meeting, although few users made any kick on the charge basis—what they wanted was service, and that is what the officials promised to give. There were some, however, in the meeting who thought a longer night service might be given without putting on continuous service. A test vote taken of the telephone subscribers present showed a majority in favor of the added service and increased charges. Following the vote and informal discussion of the telephone situation here, the company officials announced that the service would be inaugurated as first announced.

Tuesday morning, another message came to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce saying the additional service would be given, but that there would be no increase in rates. This came voluntarily from the company officials; and, announced (Continued on page 8)

### UNION PEOPLE DEMAND WORK ON THEIR ROADS

Protests Against Inattention To Roads and Wants Relief From The Board

### ROAD BOARD IS PASSIVE

Except for the enlivening program of protests against non-performance of work, the regular meeting of the county road commissioners last Monday was a repetition of former routine meetings. Claims for damages caused by the construction of new roads occupied about an hour of the board's attention, Mr. T. E. Browne of Raleigh being there to protest the award of \$15 made him for damages to his old home place. Upon a motion made and unanimously passed the amount of damages was increased to one hundred dollars, with both parties expressing complete satisfaction at the action.

Mr. T. N. Charles, of Union, representing, he said, the citizens of his village and the community adjacent thereto, protested vigorously against the policy of Commissioner H. G. Snipes, of St. Johns township, of ignoring the Union roads while he spent so much time on the roads around Menola. Mr. Charles was evidently wrought up over the inattention, as he claimed, of Mr. Snipes' crew of workers, and even went so far as to say he had been told that Mr. Snipes was now working a road near Menola for his own "personal benefit."

He told the board that the Union roads had been entirely ignored, and that the people of that section were kicking good and hard against the treatment. He asked that the board offer some relief, or take some action looking to their relief.

Mr. Snipes, appearing none the more ruffled in spirit and with a calm that bespoke a temper that had already been tried by similar protests, asked to make a statement to the board, and the other commissioners listened sympathetically, as he expressed sorrow in not being able to work all of the roads in his township exactly when the people wanted them, and explained fully to the board that it was impossible or impracticable for him to order his camp moved or hawked about the large township without leaving work half done—the very thing, he said, which caused so much talk against former superintendent F. G. Hines. He said that his next move was to Union, but he could not name the day nor the hour of his arrival there.

He said he was doing and expected to continue to do all he could to satisfy everybody, but he knew he could not do it with the force he had to command. There are, he said, a hundred miles of roads needing work in his township; but, added that he could not get to them any faster than the force could work.

He denied the construction of any road for his personal benefit and said he was building a road to a new school in the Menola section. He said he had not worked the roads that ran by his farms for four years simply to avoid criticism of that nature.

Mr. Snipes was free to admit that the Union roads had not been worked, but denied any charge of willful neglect or of personal benefits from the work that had been done this spring and summer. The board heard his explanation and did not take any action. Mr. Snipes says he will move his force to Union as soon as he completes the road he is now working on.

Mr. Adams, a road equipment man, plead with the board to try one of his gasoline-propelled outfits in one township out of the six, agreeing to

### WOODMEN PLANNING FOR BIG DAY NEXT THURSDAY

Postponement of Tobacco Opening Gives Whole Day To Visiting Delegates

### MORNING SESSION IS OPEN

With the postponing of the opening of the local tobacco market until Thursday August 30, the local camp of the Woodmen of the World are anticipating an interrupted day of exercises and entertainment for the two or three hundred visiting brothers who are coming here for their district convention Thursday, August 23, the original date set for the opening of the auction tobacco warehouses here. Another meeting of the Magnolia Camp No. 328 was held here Tuesday night, and final preparations made for the day's exercises.

Many of the delegates will arrive in Ahoskie on the morning Coast Line trains, and they will be met at the train by the members of the Ahoskie camp and escorted by them to a booth to be erected on "No Man's Land" where they will register. Here they will likewise receive their delegate badges entitling them to the privileges of the convention, and to the hospitality of Ahoskie. With the arrival of delegates, the convention will get under way at high school building, Mr. A. O. Kiff presiding.

Rev. E. J. Isehower, pastor of the Baptist church, will invoke divine blessings, followed by the address of welcome by Hon. W. W. Rogers of this city. Mr. E. B. Lewis, of Kinston, a high officer in the W. O. W. order, will respond to this welcome. Judge Francis D. Winston will then make the principal speech of the public exercises. A general invitation is extended by the Woodmen to all persons of Ahoskie to attend the morning session which will be open alike to members and non-members of the Woodmen.

A picnic dinner will be served to all delegates and visitors on the school house grounds. Local Woodmen will carry, send, or bring baskets, and all other citizens of Ahoskie are invited to help feed the delegates by preparing a lunch to be sent to the school house. The Chamber of Commerce is planning to give the visitors a short automobile trip over the highways surrounding the town, immediately after dinner has been served. Automobiles are now being solicited for that purpose, persons who will volunteer to do so being urged to list their cars with J. Roy Parker, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

Other entertainment features will be a few selections by Ahoskie's new famous "Black Cat Quartette," and readings by Miss Willie Mae Horton. The afternoon session will be for members only, routine matters affecting the organization being on the program.

The Chamber of Commerce will string banners over the principal streets of the town on that day, welcoming the visitors—here. Business persons of the town are also requested to decorate their store fronts and windows with some kind of greeting for the Woodmen.

take the cash sale price for eight mules as first cash payment on the outfit and take balance in monthly payments of \$350, the total cost of his outfit being about \$6,000.

He dared the commissioners buy one—just one—for, he said, the other commissioners would soon follow suit, throwing the slow-process mule outfits into discard. He also invited them over to Pasquotank county to see one of his outfits in operation. The commissioners will make the trip.

### MARKET WILL OPEN WEEK LATER THAN FIRST ANNOUNCED

Thursday, August 30, Is Date Set For Beginning of Auction Market For The Sale of Tobacco

### LARGER MARKETS WILL BEGIN WEEK BEFORE

Co-operative Association Will Begin Here on Tuesday, August 21st.

The Ahoskie auction tobacco market will open Thursday, August 30. The date has been postponed for one week, following a similar action taken by warehousemen of the larger markets of the East at a conference held in Wilson Monday.

According to an announcement made today, Thursday, the Co-operative Association warehouse in Ahoskie will open for the receipt of the grower members' tobacco on Tuesday, August 21. Mr. Walter L. Curtis, and S. P. Watson, the latter an experienced tobacco man, will have charge of their house here. The Association is using the prize house belonging to the Planter's Tobacco warehouse.

Although the local auction warehousemen have already made preparations for opening of the market next week and much advertising had already been printed and distributed announcing August 23rd as the date, little inconvenience will result from the delayed opening. In fact, it will insure a better road for the growers when they do get ready to come here.

About sixty per cent of the tobacco brought to Ahoskie is hauled over the bridge at Stoney Creek, which has been under construction for the last several weeks. The contractor, K. H. Barrow, stated at a road board meeting at Winton last Monday that the new bridge would be ready within ten days, which would have made the final date August 23, the first date set for the auction warehouse opening. However, since the postponement, there should be no reason for not having the bridge and dam in first class shape when the season opens on the 30th.

he local chamber of commerce has conferred with the road officials of Hertford and Bertie counties in an effort to induce them to repair all roads over which the tobacco farmers will have come to Ahoskie, and in every instance a guarantee has been made that the roads would be in first class shape.

Ahoskie has already taken on a different air, anticipating the tobacco season. Business men are optimistic at their prospects for trade this fall and all alike believe the market will have its banner year during the 1923 season. Tobacco is in excellent condition and prices on the South Carolina markets have been good.

As never before in the history of the market, the business houses are showing their faith in the future of the tobacco market by subscribing liberally to the fund raised by the Chamber of Commerce for the advertising of the tobacco market. The committee soliciting funds and who later went the rounds to collect failed to find a single knocker, and on the final trip of collection, not a single subscriber failed to come across, while four others were added to the list in the sum of \$5 each.

Every accommodation has already been looked after by both open and closed warehouses. A full corps of buyers for the auction houses has already announced their intention of returning, and additions and repairs have been made to the warehouses.

The youngest man in the United States Senate is C. C. Dill, from Washington, age thirty-eight years.

Reports Show Corn in Hertford and Adjoining Counties To Be Among the Second Poorest in State, Although General Average This Year Is Good. Several Counties Are Above Normal, These Being Nearer The Coast.

Of all the crops produced in Hertford County, old corn is the poorest in condition, according to August 1 reports of the State Department of Agriculture. However, as the State Statistician points out, the general average in the entire state is good. Corn in Hertford and Northampton counties is listed as being the second poorest in the State. This situation is no doubt brought about through the results of the dry weather which prevailed in June. Late corn has shown a fine growth and will make a good yield.

The report of the State Statistician follows:

**Corn**  
The peculiar feature of the corn crop in the South is the practice of double or interplanting with other crops. In North Carolina it is found that 73 per cent of the corn acreage is grown alone, 13 per cent with cow peas, 9 per cent with soy beans. Four per cent or more companion crops, while one per cent of the soy beans and cow peas that are harvested for seed is not known, and in fact, varies considerably with each year's seasonal conditions.

A careful analysis of the reports for August 1st shows a rather uniform trend for a corn crop with the very best condition existing in the eastern and southern coastal counties and in the mountain areas. Several counties average full normal or over 100 per cent adjacent to the coast. The poorest conditions are found in counties surrounding Mecklenburg, where extremely poor conditions exist, that county having less than two-thirds of a normal crop of corn. The second area of poor conditions is found in Franklin, Warren, Halifax, Northampton and Hertford counties. Very good corn crops are also found from Anson to Person county through the Piedmont belt. In width, this belt extends from Davidson through Chatham, but the condition in reality is good eastward to the coast. It has been particularly dry in the Southern Piedmont counties of the State.

The national prospects for corn is 2,982,000,000 bushels on a basis of 84 per cent of normal condition. The yield per acre was forecasted at 29 bushels per acre. The average of August 1 price being 87.4 as compared with 64.4 cents a year ago. The acreage is less than one per cent more than it was a year ago.

The North Carolina condition of 85 per cent of a full crop, forecasts a yield per acre of 20 bushels which is slightly more than last year produced. This State's acreage is the same as for the previous year. The price last year was 96 cents for the bushel with the same price ranging about \$1.21 cents per bushel at this time.

### RENEWING LEASES FOR PROPOSED RAILROAD

Mr. Dillon, of Franklin, Va., a representative of the Carolina & Northeastern Railroad Company of that city, spent several days last week in this section, renewing leases on a right of way for that railroad.

The road is now built from Gumberry to Lasker, and at some future date its extension to Ahoskie to connect with the Atlantic Coast Line is contemplated. No definite hopes are entertained for its construction.

Leases were first secured by the company in 1913, and were renewed five years later, 1918. The renewals have again expired, and the new leases were sought by Mr. Dillon.

In a majority of the cases a right of way has been secured with little or no expense. The route of the new road is by way of Union.

This is an independent organization of the proposed reorganized Wellington & Powellsville Railroad.