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## PUBLIC EXERCISES AND PICNIC DINNER ARE WELL ATTENDED

W. O. W. Has Good Meeting Despite Heavy Rains And Cold Weather That Prevailed Here

### JUDGE WINSTON MAKES ONLY PUBLIC ADDRESS

Business Session Held In Afternoon Following Serving of Big Dinner

A temperature of 62 degrees accompanied by a hard down-pour of rain failed to dampen the ardor of seventy-six delegates, representing eight north-eastern Carolina counties, who came to Ahoskie Thursday for the semi-annual district convention of the Woodmen of World. Twenty counties are included in the district. Many of the delegates drove through the country while others came in on the morning trains, the morning session beginning soon after the two trains arrived.

The morning program was open to the public and many townspeople attended, including a number of women. District Deputy A. O. Kiff presided. Rev. E. J. Isenhower, pastor of the local Baptist church, opened the convention with an invocation, following the singing of the opening ode by the assemblage. Misses Earle Lawrence and Louise Basnight sang a duet.

Rev. W. V. Rogers, for the town, and Mr. V. D. Strickland, in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, welcoming the visiting W. O. W. delegates to the town, and they did it in handsome style, the combined time taken up by the two gentlemen being not over three minutes. The hour was getting dangerously near eating time and the local speakers did what they were supposed to do in a very few words, conveying to every one of the visitors the privileges of the town while here, and inviting them to come back to Ahoskie again soon and often.

Sovereign E. B. Lewis, of Kinston, a State officer of the fraternity, responded to the welcome addresses. He gave a brief resume of the great work his organization is engaged in, telling of the enormous sums of money the order had invested in the building of new schools in North Carolina, and the number of county bonds for road building it had purchased, saying it was now aiding in constructing more good roads in the State than was the entire mileage of improved roads in fifty of the counties. He also told of the institutional work the organization was doing and the insurance reserve it had on hand. For every dollar the order owed or would ever owe, he said, there was \$1.02 with which to pay it. The W. O. W. Sovereign Lewis said, was now working out an administration plan for the lending of money with which to aid in building homes.

Miss Willie Mae Horton, of Ahoskie, gave a reading, "The Prodigal Boy," and received the biggest applause of the morning session. She later rendered another reading following the address of Judge Francis D. Winston, and again she was given vigorous applause.

Judge Winston made the big talk of the morning. His was a message directed largely to the W. O. W. delegates assembled, although his nicely drawn distinction between the optimist and pessimist and the examples given of each, was interesting to all alike.

He advised the W. O. W. members to adhere closely to the principles of their organization, and admonished, rather than join that gang which grabbed at every chance to join a fraternal order, to stick to their one, or two, or three, and live closely by the rituals. He thought the fellow who failed to catch the fraternal spirit as expressed in one or more of the 190 orders in the country was just as bad off as the fellow who joined them all. For, he said, the fraternal

## Ahoskie Boy Now On West Coast

No matter what a person be engaged in, he has that inborn inclination to excel the other fellow in a similar job, and to cop the honors of his profession, trade, or what not. That's why the HERALD commends the spirit that prompted one of Ahoskie's native young men to favor his home town newspaper with the account of the performance of the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, of whose complement he is a member, as a United States Sailor.

Harry Baker, formerly a soda jerker in Ahoskie, is now stationed at Seattle, Washington; but he receives the HERALD every week and evidently it is his choice of all newspapers, just like it is with thousands of other readers nearer home.

Here is a letter received from Sailor Baker:

August 12, 1923.

Editor Hertford County Herald:

To show you that the good ship Pennsylvania is still doing her "stuff" I am enclosing a clipping from the Seattle Times. She is still the same old ship as when we were flying z we were flag ship in the Atlantic fleet two years ago—always first in everything, with lots of competition.

I am sending a small picture, so take notice of the white "E" on our stack, which speaks for itself. We are now in Seattle, Washington, on our Summer cruise, having a wonderful time.

I enjoy your paper very much and look forward with great interest to its arrival.

H. L. BAKER.

How the U. S. S. Pennsylvania won the recognition in young Baker's letter is told in the following article published in the Seattle daily newspaper.

"The battleship Pennsylvania now in Elliott Bay has won the battle efficiency award of the United States navy, according to unofficial but apparently authoritative word received by officers of the ship from Washington, D. C.

"The battle efficiency award, evidenced by a red pennant with a black circle, popularly known as the "meat ball," is now held by the California, flagship of Admiral S. Robison, which is now at Bremerton.

"It is awarded on the basis of combined efficiency in gunnery and engineering.

"The Pennsylvania some weeks ago painted a huge, white E on its stack, and the California painted out the same letter on its stack, when the navy announced that first place in engineering had gone to the Pennsylvania, now used as the flagship of Rear Admiral W. V. Pratt, commanding battleship division number four.

"Although no official announcement has yet come from the navy department, officers on leave who have been in Washington, have informed officers aboard ship that gunnery tabulations, now being completed in the capital, give the Pennsylvania a sufficiently high score to insure possession of the "meat ball."

"The race for the trophy has been considered close between the New Mexico, leading in gunnery, and the Pennsylvania, winner in efficiency.

"Award of the "meat ball," which will be made upon official announcement from Washington, will be made an imposing ceremonial, with the entire crew of the winning ship mustered to receive commendations from the commanding admiral at the pennant raiser."

### YOUNG SON IMPROVING

Mrs. C. E. Harris has returned to her home here from Lakeview hospital, Suffolk, Va., where she has been at the bedside of her oldest son, Bernard Harris. An operation for appendicitis was recently undergone by him, and for several days he was in a critical condition. Friends of the family will be glad to learn that Bernard is improving.

## MOVING PICTURE HOUSE RE-OPENS NEXT MONDAY

House Being Enlarged To Take Care of Additional Hundred Attendants

After a lapse of three months during which time the movie fans have had no local place of habitation, Ahoskie's only moving picture theater will re-open Monday, September 3. Repairs and additions are being made to the Richard Theater this week, and will be ready for the opening the first Monday in September.

The two moving picture machines which were partially destroyed by a fire in the spring are now being overhauled and repaired, and unless unexpected delays occur, they will be ready for service for the opening show. The booth which was also damaged by the fire, and the electric wiring that was put out of commission are both undergoing repairs.

When the show house re-opens for business, there will be seating capacity for one hundred more persons than at present. The apartment that has heretofore been used as a grocery stand, in the front of the building, is being torn out this week by contractors. A cement floor is also being laid in this section where the old wooden floor has been, and the auditorium of the theater extended farther towards the street.

The additional space will be elevated and two steps will be constructed at the entrance. It is this floor space that will make for a larger seating capacity.

The Richard Theater, under the management of E. L. Garrett, has a reputation for exhibiting the market's best and highest priced pictures, and considering the size town in which it is operated, it gives the moving picture attendants shows that compare favorably with the big town picture theaters. The same policy of exhibiting new pictures, of the Nation's best producers, will be continued at the theater this season.

The enlarged theater will re-open simultaneously with "Better Pictures Week", which is sponsored by the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, producers of the famous Paramount Pictures.

With the increasing mileage of improved roads leading into Ahoskie and the impetus that has been given the town's growth through the tobacco market, Ahoskie's popular moving picture theater is expecting a patronage from all of the adjoining towns during the season now getting under way.

## LINDSAY WARREN MAY BATTLE HALLET WARD

According to a news article from the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, that in all probability State Senator Lindsay Warren, of Beaufort County, will make the race against Congressman Hallet S. Ward for the next term in the National lower house. No announcement has been made by Senator Warren, but, reports have it, that he may enter the contest.

Congressman Ward is serving his second term as representative from this district, having defeated former Congressman John H. Small in 1920. He is a picturesque speaker, and a strong champion of agricultural interests. As a courtroom lawyer he had gained a reputation before going to Congress. At present he is speaking in behalf of Co-operative marketing associations in this and other states in the South.

Senator Warren was former speaker pro tem of the Senate, but now is serving as Beaufort County representative in the General Assembly. He is also a strong speaker and a good parliamentarian.

### WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Hugh L. Harrell next Tuesday evening, August 28, at 4 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present and all those who would like to join. The purpose of this club as is stated in the constitution is to promote, through united effort, the health, happiness, beauty and efficiency of the community.

Owing to an automobile accident, Chas. Bassett, Pueblo, Cal., was taken on a stretcher to the home of Miss Ida Farris, where they were married.

## AHOSKIE WAITING FOR OPEN MARKET TO BEGIN SEASON

Co-operative Association Beginning Receiving The Members New Crops Here Tuesday, August 21.

### LIBERAL ADVANCES ARE MADE ON ALL GRADES

Auctioneers and Some of Office Force Have Arrived For Auction Houses

Ahoskie is all set for opening of another tobacco marketing season. It now awaits only the date of the auction warehouses opening, next Thursday, August 30, when Ahoskie warehouse floor space will no doubt be over-run by the product of Hertford and Bertie farms.

The Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association threw open the doors of its local receiving warehouse Tuesday morning of this week. Only one load of tobacco was delivered, due probably to the fact that sufficient notice had not been given to the members to enable them to grade their crop.

The local Co-op warehouse will receive tobacco from its members on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, and may also open its doors on Saturdays, if the members desire to bring a load along with them when they come to town for the week end. W. L. Curtis and S. P. Watson are handling the Association's deliveries here, Mr. Watson being official grader for the Association.

The grades established and the cash advances being made are as follows:

WRAPPERS	
A2	\$32.50
A3	25.00
CIGARETTE CUTTERS	
D3	\$22.50
D4	20.00
D5	17.00
D6	14.00
D7	12.50
D8	11.00
SMOKING LUGS	
E1	\$9.00
E2	8.00
E3	6.00
E4	4.00
E5	3.00
E6	1.00
PRIMINGS	
F1	\$9.00
F2	6.50
F3	6.00
F4	4.00
F5	3.00
F6	2.00
F7	1.00

By far the largest percentage of tobacco in Hertford and Bertie counties will, however, be sold here on the two auction warehouse floors. The Farmers Warehouse, under C. H. Phaup's management, and the Old Basnight Warehouse, managed by Jno. W. Emerson & Co., will again be the auction houses in Ahoskie. Both houses have been renovated, baskets put into shape and all arrangements made for the opening date. The Basnight warehouse has been enlarged, and repaired, offering larger space and better accommodations to the farmers. A new driveway has been added, and a brand new sign painted above it. This warehouse, according to its announcement, will be open for tobacco farmers on the 29th, giving them time to get their load on the floor before the rush of the opening day.

Auctioneers for both warehouses have already arrived here and have been busy for several days advertising their employers' houses to the tobacco growers. Colonel A. A. Forbes, of Greenville, will be with Phaup and Mr. C. C. Wood will do the crying for Emerson Company. Both are well known to the tobacco farmers of Hertford and Bertie counties, having seen service here before this season.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brown have also come to town. Mr. Brown has handled the books for the Farmers warehouse for several years and is among the most popular of the office force

## FOUNDATION IS STARTED FOR MEMORIAL MARKER

Stone Marker and Bronze Tablet Will Be Unveiled Some Time in September

Although in number of participants a small affair, the spirit of the occasion was there, when on last Friday afternoon the foundation for the marker to be erected on the courthouse lawn at Winton was laid. The brief ceremony or act of laying the first bricks for the foundation was sponsored by Mrs. R. C. Bridger who has been working faithful for the marker public fund.

With young William Shaw driving his pet pony, drawing a cart filled with several Winton boys and girls, all of whom carried United States flags, the procession carrying the foundation bricks passed down the Main street of Winton Friday afternoon about five o'clock. Behind the pony and cart came Warner Hudgins Lassiter pulling another small cart in which the bricks were loaded. Fred Wilson Liverman was in the vanguard with the drum, beating it lustily as those on foot marched by its time.

Thomas Liverman was flag bearer for the procession and little Annie Hudgins rode in the cart dressed as Miss Columbia. Others in the group were James Newsome, Stanley Wall, Edward Hoggard and Alex Eley, to whom the little pony belonged.

They turned the corner at John Northcott's home, marched to the courthouse lawn and deposited the bricks, which mark the first signs of the stone and tablet to be erected there.

Approximately \$400 was in sight last Friday when the bricks for the foundation were laid, the amount necessary to pay for the monument being \$500. Mrs. Bridger spent part of last week in personal visits to homes of the county, soliciting funds for the marker. The stone is ready for shipment, and awaits the arrival of the bronze tablet, upon which will be carved the names of the Hertford County boys who died while in military service during the World War.

Mrs. Bridger says she hopes to have the stone and tablet here some time about the first or second weeks in September, and that the public exercises attendant upon the unveiling will be held just as soon as it is erected. Announcement will be made on some later date.

## TWO FAIRS IN COUNTY AGAIN DURING FALL

Secretary Will A. Thomas, of the Hertford County Fair Association, is making preliminary arrangements for the staging of the sixth annual county fair, which will begin November 6 and last for four days, ending November 9th. He is assembling material for the annual premium list which will be published within a short while.

He is also seeking exhibits for the fair, and especially is he after a fine display of agricultural products. The fair will be held as usual at the fair grounds in Winton.

The colored people are also at work on their third annual fair to be held at the fair grounds near Ahoskie. The Atlantic District Fair Association includes a large territory throughout eastern North Carolina, and is the only colored district fair in the State.

The premium list is now in the hands of printers and will be issued within a week or ten days.

### MISS LASSITER ENTERTAINS

Miss Goldie Lassiter entertained a few of her friends last Friday evening in honor of her eighteenth birthday. Games were played and music was rendered by Misses Eleanor Dillard and Carrie Newsome. At ten o'clock an iced course was served in the dining room which was attractively decorated in lavender and pink. Later mints were served. Miss Lassiter received a number of beautiful and useful gifts.

of the Ahoskie market.

The Chamber of Commerce will also help make next Thursday a big one for the farmers. They will serve free lemonade during the day, and distribute lapel buttons, showing the loyalty of growers to the local market.

## HIGHWAY ROUTE IN WINTON CAUSE OF A BITTER WRANGLE

Selection of Corner For Turn To Chowan River Bridge Has County Capital People in Fighting Mood

### BANK OF WINTON AND VANN CORNER IN ISSUE

Climax Came Last Thursday Night When Commissioners and Protesters Meet

The fury of a highway controversy has swept before it everything of passing note in Winton for the last two or more weeks. Locating a right angle turn in the State Highway has figuratively set some of the County Capital folks on their heads, and has aroused a spirit of antagonism between contending factions almost to the point of personal encounter. However, fist fights have so far been avoided up until this stage of the battle royal, and from every indication calm is beginning to reign at the county seat.

It seems that it all resulted over a difference of opinion among the town's leading citizens over the routing of the highway. There were three corners in Winton, potentially State Highway routes. These were the Bank of Winton corner, the John A. Northcott and Jordan Brothers corner, and the John E. Vann residence corner. The State highway will take one of these routes in order to reach the ferry at Chowan river.

The Aulander-Winton state highway comes into Winton's beautiful Main street on the south end of the town, and goes for several blocks up this street, where it merges with the Murfreesboro-Winton section of the highway. The latter section of highway continues up Main street, and in order to connect with the much-talked-of and sure-to-be-built Chowan river bridge must turn at one or the other of the three original corners. All of the routes were surveyed by the highway engineers, the first selection being at the Northcott corner.

On account of the narrowness of this cross street, and the necessity of moving several houses in order to build the highway over this route, the engineers recommended that this corner be not used. All was well up to this point. It was when a choice was sought between the other two remaining corners that the Winton people divided sharply, and out of the wrangle have come some red hot and fiery speeches, a petition reinforced by many names, the purchase of a strip of land from Jordan Bros.' garden, a visit from Commissioner Hart, a deluge of letters to the State Highway authorities, and mass meetings.

When the necessity of a choice between the two corners was apparent to the Highway Commission, the board of town commissioners was asked by the Commission to designate the route, the presumption being that the highway would take the course approved by the board. The commissioners, Troy V. Jenkins, J. R. Jordan, and H. C. Brett, together with Mayor Thad A. Euse, endorsed the Bank of Winton corner.

The highway force, evidently believing it was all settled, began work on this street. But it was abruptly halted before much work had been done. Protests had been filed with the highway authorities, a petition had been sent them asking for the Vann corner, and representatives had been to Raleigh to urge Vann's corner.

Then it was the other side settled down to the business of offsetting the efforts made by the proponents of the Vann corner. The super-climax came last Thursday night

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