

## "Old Farmer" Thinks County Agent Work Has Improved Farm Conditions

I have just been ruminatin' 'bout conditions in the country till my mind kept workin' back till it got clear back to Adam and then I stopt and begun to work back. Well, I ain't a-gwine to argufy 'bout how long its been since Adam and Eva forfeited their rights as tenants to the Garden of Eden, but as a fact, just after he gave up his habitation in the garden his family began to increase and he just had to get right down to work and of course his first means of a livelihood was farmin'—the fact was that he had to dig or starve and he learnt from experience very rapidly, he was his own progressive farmer, for considerin' the fact that he had to work with a wooden plow, he done along I expect pretty well, but it does seem that the generations that followed learnt mighty precious little 'bout what it took to make a crop, except hard work and a mighty little head work.

Thirty years ago when the State first began to send out men trained in scientific farmin' to hold county Farmers Institutes to give instructions in the higher methods in farmin' the folks wouldn't pay much attention and but few would attend and after the meetin' was over you'd hear men walk around and cuss the agricultural department for wastin' money sending out them high priced fellows to talk farmin' and some fellow would up and say, "My daddy made a livin' farmin' without learnin' it in the school house and I am doing pretty well myself." And right then his wife, part the time, could'n go to church when Sunday come because she felt hurt on account of the clothes she had to wear if she went and he didn't have a Sunday suit of clothes to his name. The fellow, as a rule, that does the most cussin' is the fellow that amounts to less. Oh! Gosh! Aint he loaded up on hot air. He's like the dog in the manger, that couldn't eat the hay and wouldn't let the ox eat it. But a few did listen, learnt and was profited and now in the last twenty years, it seems that we farmers has learnt more that our forefathers had up till then. When I was a boy the corn was barred off and then chopped out with a hoe and then plowed till it began to tassel after the roots had run across the row and you and I know too that every furo that was run injured the corn, for it just torn the roots up. Don't it look like men with as much sense as a boy would of knowed better? When I tells Jim 'bout how crops was worked in my bringin' up he just hollers and laughs.

I don't know how much the farm demonstrator has been worth to the farmers in Hertford county, but if he's wide-awake, he ought to be worth a sight, but I read in the HERALD last week that he had quit the job and that the commissioners weren't going to get another. Now listen Mr. Commissioners, if the demonstrator is on the job he's worth more than you can figure out and if he aint on the job then git rid of him quicker'n Pat left the army, for if he is all that he ought to be what you pay him is not an expense but an investment. It was Jefferson who said, "Let the farmer forevermore rejoice, for they who till the soil are the chosen people of God."

And when it comes to our lady that goes 'round and shows our wives and daughters how to do things in a different way, and teaches them the science of it, it means a heap to our folks young and old for I know how my old woman could fix up more different kinds of things after seeing this domestic lady show her how and then too gals learnt lots 'bout how to fix this and that and it has already been worth lots to my folks and I know lots has been saved that we uster throw away. Bless your soul they has done and quit throwin' way the apple cores. And I know that when a woman has got sense nuff to teach us country folks how to waste nuthin, you just can't tell how much good she is a-doin' for our women-folks. Surely Old Farmer wants to see our commissioners save all they can and cut out all the leaks they can but while they must be conservative they must not run backwards, 'cause Hertford county must go ahead and not be a laggard in the race. We has a good board of commissioners and I am certainly willin' to trust 'em, but fellows don't swing so far back that you will fall backwards by your own weight.

I read with pleasure and profit too, my friend John Parker's letter in the HERALD last week. It was worth a whole year's subscription to the paper. John, write again. If you know somethin' don't sew it up in a bag but let your neighbors know it too so that they can get some of the benefit. The fact is, John, your old head is right good and level anyhow when you get to writing about how to make bread and meat on a farm.

Why don't other farmers write some little short pieces for the HERALD. Not great long pieces, but just tell what you want to say and then stop. We ought to have the most wide-awake county in the State and by Jings! Old Farmer 'believes we's goth that county.

There's lot more that I wanted to say but I just must stop for the oil in my lamp is gittin' low and my eyes aint what they was forty years ago by a big sight. But I come mighty near forgettin' to say that I saw where my good friend Henry Clay Sharp had a roll call meetin' of the Confeds in Ahoskie, but while that is all right, I know that 'Hoakie didn't like such cold treatment of the followers of the Southern Cross. Good night.

OLD FARMER.

September 10, 1923.

## CHOWAN COLLEGE BEGAN ITS SESSION WEDNESDAY

Miss Eunice McDowell Will This Year Have Charge of College Library

Murfreesboro, September 12—Chowan College opened today for the seventy-sixth session, with unusually fine prospects for the year's work. The first faculty meeting was held on September 11 with Dr. C. P. Weaver, recently elected president of the College, presiding. The entire faculty was present.

Miss Eunice McDowell, who for the past three years has been instructor of Bible and Latin and also dean of the faculty, will this year devote her entire time to the library. Every effort is being made to enlarge the library to meet the growing needs of the College. A plan is now on foot to secure thirty-six hundred new books for the library through the organization of a club, the basis of membership to which will be the gift of a book each month.

Dr. R. E. Clark, recently of Centre College, will have the chair of Bible and History. Dr. Clark is a graduate of Wake Forest and Crozier Theological Seminary, M. A. and Ph. D. of the University of Pennsylvania. For the past two years, Dr. Clark has been professor of Economics in Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

Miss Una Robinson, graduate of Baylor University, is with the College again in the capacity of dean of women and professor of Chemistry and Biology.

Miss Inez Matthews, an alumna of Chowan and for two years a student of Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore is to be a member of the music faculty.

Other members of the faculty well known to friends of the College are: Miss Minnie Caldwell, mathematics; Miss Edna Gunn, modern languages, Miss Faye Dame, education; Miss Eloise Meroney, English; Miss Sarah Hughes White, director of music, Miss Fannie White, home economics; Miss Caroline Lane, violin; Miss Gertrude Knott, expression; Miss Della Letman, voice.

During the vacation months many improvements have been made. The new buildings including an auditorium with a seating capacity of eight hundred, gymnasium, swimming pool, music studios, and dormitory space, is nearing completion.

The enrollment of college students this year is very encouraging. The register includes students from Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Two students will assist in the physical education department. With a new swimming pool and gymnasium, athletics will have a prominent place in the college life. Plans are being made already for Field Day.

The publication of a bi-monthly paper is contemplated for the coming year. This paper will give training to the students in journalistic work and at the same time furnish a channel for news of the college to reach the friends and patrons of Chowan.

Miss Sue Breet, alumna and former teacher of Chowan, is visiting the College this week. Miss Breet will leave for Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on September 18 where she will pursue work for a degree at the state university.

During the summer months Miss Fannie White took advanced work in Home Economics at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Miss Edna Gunn took special work at Peabody College, Nashville, during the summer.

The fair is the place to display the agricultural wealth of a community. What will you add to the display this year?

Lime and legumes—vetch and clover, make the old farm rich all over.

## HICKORY CHAPEL NEWS

Mr. Floyd Doughtie was in Norfolk Thursday and Friday to see his mother, Mrs. Sallie Doughtie, who is a patient in Sarah Leigh Hospital. He reported his mother as improving.

Misses Ida, Frances and Lydia Jer-nigan of Lewiston returned home Friday after spending two weeks with Miss Isoland Slaughter.

Mr. H. T. Dilday's tobacco barn accidentally caught fire Saturday at 12:30 and was soon destroyed.

Mr. R. D. Lowe returned home Saturday evening from Norfolk after visiting friends and attending the Fair.

Mrs. Maggie Raby of Whaleyville returned home Saturday and she was accompanied by Mrs. Jessie Dilday.

Mr. Griffin Doughtie of F. U. M. A. visited relatives in this section last

week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Wiggins and little daughter, Helen, spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Junie Umphlet at Tunis.

Messrs. Rubhard Magee of Portsmouth and Edmond Hill from near Ahoskie visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dilday and little son, William, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Deans in Murfreesboro and they were accompanied by Mr. C. W. Peele of Bethlehem.

Little Emily Magee of Portsmouth left Sunday to visit other relatives after spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Hughson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hughson and little daughter, Frances Lell, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Lowe near Center Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Doughtie and

little son, Howard, and Master Rudolph Doughtie were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Leggett Sunday near Creemo.

Mrs. Walter Willoughby and sons, Clarence and Archie from near Brantleys Grove returned home Sunday afternoon after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Vann and children from near Montgomerys Mill visited Mrs. Vann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sumner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hughson and family from near Brantleys Grove, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughson Sunday afternoon.

Misses Etier Parker and Mary Lee Horton from near Union were the

guests of Miss Ruby Wiggins Sunday evening.

Mr. Ernest Lowe from near Whaleyville visited his brother, Mr. R. D. Lowe and sister, Mrs. J. L. Hughson, Monday.

Mr. C. G. Slaughter was a business visitor in Winton Monday.

Spraying and pruning a 15-acre field of watermelons in Hoke county resulted in six cars of melons averaging 36 pounds each being sold. Four cars sold for \$350 each on the track; the melons in the other two were sunburned and sold for \$140 per car on the track. Those growers who did not prune and spray sold their melons for \$137.00 per car on the track. "Fewer melons but better quantity caused the difference," says County Agent L. B. Brandon.

## Sale Of Real Estate For Taxes At Courthouse Door Oct. 1st

The following real estate will be sold at the Courthouse door in Winton, N. C., Monday, October 1, 1923, for failure to pay 1922 taxes and pursuant to order of the Commissioners of Hertford County.

Murfreesboro Township		
White		
J. S. Lawrence, Wynn	-----	111.34
J. D. Phelps, Trader	-----	16.20
W. H. Griffith, Griffith land	-----	30.58
COLORED		
Edward Eley, Bridger	-----	8.21
Robert Eley, Jr., Eley	-----	2.78
Bettie Sue Gatling, Pipkin	-----	1.86
G. T. Lassiter, Wiley Carter	-----	30.89
Lulu Moore, town lot	-----	3.02
Lulu Shamblee, Moore	-----	2.71
Carey Vaughan, kitchen	-----	22.17
Atlas Vaughan, Elijah Vaughan	-----	13.21

T. T. PARKER, Tax Collector, Murfreesboro Township.

St. Johns Township		
WHITE		
T. E. Futrell, 102 acres Joyner and Baker; 1 7-12 acres Cooke and Saunder; 75 acres Grant; 58 acres Leggett; total taxes	-----	90.00

W. H. VINSON, Tax Collector, St. Johns Township.

Maneys Neck Township		
M. W. Picot, 3-4 acre, home lot	-----	34.84
Jno. T. Riddick, 75 acres, home place	-----	12.71
J. J. and Jno. T. Riddick, 45 acres part Jno. Riddick tract	-----	4.41

W. J. HILL, Tax Collector, Maneys Neck Township.

Winton Township		
COLORED		
Luke Eley, 17 acres	-----	5.45
Robert Greene Heirs	-----	8.02
Ernest Reid, 24 3-4	-----	7.44
Charlie A. Butler	-----	.50
A. T. Tynor	-----	3.37
Blanche Vann	-----	3.37

W. L. Matthews, Tax Collector, Winton Township.

Ahoskie Township		
WHITES		
M. D. Curtis, Powell land, 1921 taxes, \$26.10; 1922 taxes, \$23.75	-----	49.86
Lassiter, Marshall, 25 acres home place	-----	30.94
Lassiter, Mrs. Nannie R., one town lot	-----	2.64
Phaup, C. H., 42 4-10 acres, Newsome	-----	70.42
Rogers, W. W., 70 acres Riddick, 28 acres Riddick	-----	122.02
Rogers, Mrs. Nina, 1 lot McGlohon street, 1 lot Main street	-----	96.79

COLORED

Everett, Lora L., 2 vacant lots	-----	.61
Earley, Goodman, 78 acres home, 20 acres Holloman	-----	27.82
Helson, W. L., 1 lot Maple street	-----	9.20
Moore, Lonnie, 1 lot Catherine street	-----	5.51
Scott, J. R., 1 lot Lawrence	-----	6.74
Taylor, Luther, 1 lot Mitchell	-----	3.23
Whitley, Willie B., 1 lot Garrett	-----	6.22
Williams, General, home place	-----	36.17
Porter, Jno. T., 1 lot, D. H.	-----	3.95
Peele, L. A., 1 lot	-----	4.60

S. E. VAUGHN, Tax Collector, Ahoskie Township.

## TIME TO START

If you are not already listed among those who are putting aside a savings account for the lean times, this rich harvest season is a good time to start.

### USE OUR SERVICE

We take a pride in handling the business needs of our farmer friends, and we want you to consult us when making financial arrangements. Open an account with us, large or small, and watch the kind of service we give our customers.

## BANK OF AHOSKIE

"THE OLD, RELIABLE"

Ahoskie, N. C.

## AHOSKIE DEPARTMENT STORE

"The House of Service"

Invites you to watch this space for announcements of Fall and Winter Goods, from week to week.

### NEW GOODS ARRIVING

Our new merchandise is coming in daily and includes among other things

MANHATTAN SHIRTS  
W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES  
STYLE PLUS CLOTHING  
JOHN B. STETSON HATS

You Get Fair Dealings Here

## Ahoskie Department Store

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