

DISTRICT HOME AGENT GIVES REPORT OF WORK

Miss Swindell, Hertford Agent, Has Been Unusually Active During Summer Period

Home Demonstration work in Hertford, according to Miss Pauline Smith, of Washington, supervisor of the Tidewater District, in the summary covering the period from July 30 to August 25, has been carried on with increased zeal and upon a larger scale than ever by Miss Myrtle Swindell, county home agent.

The District Agent's report has just been issued, and includes thirteen counties, among which are Hertford and Bertie. The reports follow:

Hertford County
Miss Myrtle Swindell of Hertford county reports that the people were delighted with the services of Mr. Warden, Assistant Poultry Specialist, who spent two days in her county. Mr. Warden taught several groups to cull their flocks for egg production.

Miss Swindell spent two days in Northampton county conducting a basketry school. This was a return for days Miss Cooley, Northampton County County Home Agent, has spent in Hertford. Miss Swindell is establishing a reputation for herself in pickle making. The women and girls are anxious for this information. One of the Hertford County women went out on her pickles at all the adjoining fairs last year. Miss Swindell has spent much time this month preparing for fairs. The Home Demonstration Exhibits were the main features of the County Fair last year. The influence of the work was shown in every department. Clothing and fairs will be the work for September.

In spite of the frost and then the drought the housewives of Hertford are filling the pantry shelves. Watermelon, vegetables and fruits have been utilized. Two new clubs have been organized and the women and girls are giving Miss Swindell unusual support.

Field days, 16; office days, 8; clubs visited, 12; attendance, 264; meetings held and attended, 18; attendance 2360; conferences, 87; letters written, 142; articles for publication, 5; miles auto, 552.

Bertie County
Miss Addie Sue Harry of Bertie County entertained the Commissioners on the first Monday.

Plain sewing is the main feature of the work in Bertie County at present. The girls are making plain underwear, and school dresses, laying a good foundation for broader work later. Millinery is to be taken up in connection with the sewing. All day meetings have been planned for this. Miss Harry reports that a small County Council has been organized in Bertie. This is the eleventh Council organized in the Tidewater District.

The Windsor Ledger cooperates with Miss Harry. A column on the front page has been given for the use of the Home Agent.

Field days, 16; office days, 8; clubs visited, 10; attendance, 94; meetings held and attended, 15; attendance, 481; schools visited, 4; attendance, 390; homes visited, 11; conferences, 130; letters written, 124; circular letters, 38; bulletins sent, 24; articles sent for publication, 6; miles auto, 341.

COTTON CODITION TAKES A BIG SLUMP IN COUNTY

King Cotton took an awful slump in the thirty day period between August 25 and September 25. The estimated condition of the 1923 crop fell exactly 20 per cent within that time, and is now 27 per cent below the estimated average of July 25, which was the highest of any county within the State. The estimated condition of the crop as of September 25 was 72 per cent normal. Last year at the same time it was 57 per cent.

A like condition prevails among the large majority of counties in the State, only four reporting as good or better estimated condition September 25 as of August 25. They are Bladen, Hoke, Duplin, and Scotland. Bertie dropped 19 per cent; Northampton, 10 per cent; and Gates, 34 per cent. The average condition in the State was 64 per cent on September 25, a decline of 8 per cent below August 25th report. In the entire United States, the condition for September 25 was 49.5 per cent, a decline of 4.5 per cent since August 25th.

The cotton caterpillar, says the Department of Agriculture, has been responsible for a great deal of the lossage in North Carolina. He has not, however, caused as much damage as it was first supposed he would, as it was late in the season before reaching this territory.

SEE A HERALD MAN AND GET RECEIPT

A representative of the HERALD will be in Winton next Monday at the opening of Superior Court. He will be loaded down with receipts, and anxious to issue them to old subscribers, for renewal from one to five years; or to those who want to become subscribers. All subscriptions taken will be at the rate of \$1 per year, with the privilege of paying for as many as five years at that rate.

He will be wearing a badge, or some paraphernalia by which he can easily be recognized. Regardless of whether you see him or not, don't forget the special October offer. Return your envelope and check if you fail to get your receipt Monday.

Remember when you pay him a dollar, you are going to receive the Second Leading Newspaper in North Carolina for twelve months. Regardless of the awards we have been made within the last twelve months, you who have read this newspaper regularly, know it to be fulfilling every demand for a new weekly newspaper.

"Everybody likes a winner."

COMO MAN THINKS WOMEN TRUE BLUE

Professor Cooke Says Women in Maneys Neck Have Been Mis-Named

Editor of Herald:

My Dear Sir: I heartily agree with the "OFFICE KAT" in last week's HERALD. The women who appeared before the county commissioners on the first Monday (in behalf of Miss Swindell) were not "flappers." While I have only lived a year in Como, my work has brought me into contact with practically every white man, woman and child in Maneys Neck township, and so far I have found no flappers. But also, Maneys Neck has no county commissioner. However, she does have a live flourishing community club, a club that has meant great things to the consolidated school and to the general uplift of the township, and in the words of one of its officers: "Next year it will mean more."

If I know the meaning of "flapper" the women of Como, who are all women of culture, modesty and dignity, failed to run true to form on October the first, at Winton. If, however, "flapper" is one who flaps, the Como Community Club may in time be filled with flappers, for they all intend to flap votes next year. Thus with a proper representation on the board, it may not be necessary for them to go in person when they wish something at the hands of the commissioners.

I have stressed the high personnel of the Como gentlewomen because all but two of the ladies were from this section (a section that has for over a century produced women whose charm, wit and poise of manners have helped to make glorious the history of Hertford County and Tidewater Virginia and Carolina) and, too, while I do not profess to be up on the meaning of "flapper," I do profess to recognize true modesty, culture and dignity.

All praise to those ladies, both from Como and elsewhere, who knew what they wanted and had the courage to go after it. E. W. COOKE.

CONGRESSMAN WARD WILL SPEAK HERE

Congressman Hallet S. Ward, First District Congressman, has advised the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that he will "run over" here Wednesday, October 24, and make a talk upon the occasion of the free barbecue for tobacco farmers. His visit here is always looked upon as the occasion for a ringing good speech, and he will in no wise disappoint his hearers when he comes here on the 24th. Plans for the barbecue are taking definite shape now. Dr. L. K. Walker, in charge of securing and preparing the young porkers, is tabulating the returns from his suggestion that some kindly disposed hog producer donate a hog or two, and the donation column is growing. Others he will purchase.

Superior Court Will Begin At Winton Next Monday

Judge Jno. Kerr, Near Con- gressman, Is Scheduled To Preside Over Term

Superior Court begins at Winton next Monday, October 15, and will continue through two weeks. There will be plenty work for the court, the bar, and all concerned, for the criminal docket is unusually large and the civil cases are piled up so high that this session can hardly hope to make more than a good-sized dent in the docket.

There are more than forty criminal cases already docketed for trial, and that does not include the additional true bills the grand jury may return. Among the number is the one against Walter Thomas and young Modlin, charged with the theft of the Ford Sedan belonging to J. H. Jenkins, of this city. It will probably require three or four days, and perhaps even more, in which to dispose of all the criminal cases. Little work will be done on the civil docket this week.

Judge Jno. H. Kerr, who by the latest count lacks less than 500 votes having been nominated for Congress from the Second District, is scheduled to preside over this term of court. In the event that a second primary is held between Richard G. Allbrook who is his nearest rival, and himself, Judge Kerr may or may not be here to hold court, as the primary will be held Saturday, October 20. There is plenty of hard campaigning to be done in case there is a second primary, and it is not to be expected that Judge Kerr will hold court under such circumstances. However, none of this official. His course is not known here.

Unless present indications fail, the roads will be in good shape for court attendants, and a big attendance is expected throughout the two weeks term.

NOTE—Since the above paragraphs were written and put into type, the announcement has come that Mr. Allbrook has decided not to enter a second primary and Judge Kerr will, therefore, become the Democratic candidate for Congress. He is expected to resign as judge soon, although he may hold Hertford's October term of court before doing so.

COTTON MILL MAN HERE

Mr. F. L. Robbins, of Petersburg, Va., an experienced cotton mill man and owner of two plants, spent Thursday in Ahoskie, conferring with officers of the Chamber of Commerce.

BILL BREWER TO BUILD NEW FILLING STATION

Ahoskie will soon have a modern gasoline filling station. Bill Brewer is now erecting a station on the corner lot where the State Highway intersects the Ahoskie-St. Johns road. Rustic effect will be carried out, and posts have already been buried in the ground. Other timbers for its construction will be on the lot by the first of next week, according to Brewer.

It will be ready for use probably will be along the same lines as the one recently erected in Winton by W. M. Levine two weeks. Its construction Eley. Two 15-foot driveways will enter the shelter which will be built over the tanks, one from each of the roads.

The location is an ideal place for the motorist, being on the two principal highways entering town and on the State Highway, where it can serve through motorists.

CLOVER SEED PAYS FOR WEEVIL DAMAGE

Lincolnton, N. C., Oct. 3.—Clover seed can be made to pay for damage done to the cotton crop by boll weevils, thinks C. E. Carpenter of the North Brook Township in this county. Mr. Carpenter has been raising some clover each year, planting it in his cotton at the last cultivation. Sometimes he would sell his surplus seed and the returns were so good that last fall he planted 14 acres of the cotton land to crimson clover, picked out his cotton and knocked all the stalks so that the seed might be stripped clean the next spring. County Agent J. G. Morrison reports that this spring Mr. Carpenter shipped 10,000 pounds of seed and would have obtained more except for a storm which blew his plants down badly.

Road Bond Money Will Be Parceled Out To Townships

Commissioners Will Meet Fri- day To Settle Upon Ratio of Division

Each of the six road commissioners in Hertford County will hereafter be allotted their dues from the \$10,000 monthly stipend available from the half million dollar bond issue for roads, and with it he shall build and maintain roads within his township as best he can. The proceeds of the bonds will be divided according to the taxable values of each township, not including the corporation tax which will not be considered in arriving at the ratio upon which the money shall be divided.

The road board made the above decision at its regular meeting in Winton last Monday. Commissioner Harvey Snipes, of St. Johns, voted against the proposal, Mr. Bridger, of Murfreesboro, did not vote, while all others voted "aye" on a roll call vote. Mr. Snipes did not believe it a wise step, saying the bond issue was voted as a county-wide proposition, with the express understanding that it be used to construct all the roads in the county without reference to township boundary lines.

Divided upon the basis of taxable property, Mr. Snipes said his township could not get its mileage of roads built, on account of the many bridges to be constructed. Mr. Bridger did not vote either way, because, he said, there might be some hitch in arriving at the ratio.

A meeting will be held in Winton Friday, to settle upon the ratio to be given each township. Each township will be charged with the money spent therein, since the bond issue was first available, and that amount will be deducted from its share. Using the tax lists as a basis, the amounts will be apportioned in the following order, the first named receiving largest share: Ahoskie, St. Johns, Murfreesboro, Harrellsville, Winton, and Maneys Neck.

It required a large part of the session Monday to dispose of the bills against the road administration, and but little else was done except to settle the bond money issue, and clean the bill "hook." Certain citizens of Harrellsville appeared before the board asking for a public cartway, to go over the lands of W. A. Perry and the R. J. Baker heirs. The latter asked for a continuance, and it was postponed until the next meeting of the board.

WOMAN'S CLUB WILL HAVE A MEETING

The Woman's Club of Ahoskie will meet on Wednesday, October 24, at the home of Mrs. Stanley Leary. The members are urged to be present and all others who would like to attend are cordially invited to do so.

Everyone who is interested in making their town and community more efficient and a better place to live in should be a member of the Woman's Club. We want your help and your co-operation to make the club bigger and better.

We want those who visit our town leave with a good impression. We want the girls and boys who are leaving their homes for college and other places to have a beautiful memory of their home town and to want to come back to it. We want to make Ahoskie a better and more beautiful place to live in for ourselves; but to do this we need the help of every woman in town. It is to you we appeal and by our united effort we can make our town a place in which everyone can enjoy living.

HIGHWAY TROUBLES IN WINTON NOW SETTLED

Recommendations of Winton's town commissioners evidently held good with the State Highway authorities, in the matter of the turn in the highway which leads to the ferry across Chowan river. The route selected is at the Bank of Winton corner, the one recommended by the commissioners of the town.

Another route desired by some of Winton's citizens was the J. E. Vann residence corner. A stiff contest was waged between the contending factions for several weeks. Highway contractors are at work this week on the route chosen by the Bank of Winton. Clay and sand are being hauled on the street, and Winton will soon have a nice stretch of the highway down its Main street.

TOBACCO BRINGING GOOD PRICE HERE

According to local warehousemen, average prices now being paid for tobacco on the Ahoskie auction market are as high or better than those on the larger eastern Carolina markets. Close comparison has been made of the prices paid here and at the big markets, and this statement is given out upon the basis of accurate information and statistics, notwithstanding the fact that some tobacco farmers are shipping good grades away from here, and comparing the prices obtained with that brought by the inferior grades.

The Emerson (Old Basinight) Warehouse averaged \$25.32 per hundred at their Wednesday's sales, which totaled 12,738 pounds. These figures show the average here to be well above the price paid at the beginning of the season, and is considered a good price.

Although sales have not been so large here since the first few weeks, the total sales for the season are expected to be larger than last year.

MR. PARKER BACK ON THE JOB AGAIN

He Gives A Few Facts And Observations About Crude Things of Past

Editor Herald:

There seems to be right much curiosity among the readers of the HERALD, about who the "Old Farmer" is—who writes an article for the paper every week. And, I think the Editor is getting tired of being asked who this Old Farmer is.

Why do people have so much curiosity, anyway? I don't care to know myself, but there is no reader of the HERALD who appreciates and enjoys reading his articles more than I; there is so much in what he says.

The one in the issue of week before last touched a tender chord in my heart, referring to his old boyhood days, the 'ole Swimming Hole, and other things. They caused me to think of my boyhood days and the pleasant memories of 50 years ago. Some things I will mention, and maybe, it will be interesting to some of the young people. I will describe some of the styles of dress 50 years ago.

The ladies then wore Hoop Skirts—the first were what were called double-barrelled Hoop Skirts, nearly four feet across, their dresses sweeping the ground. When they went to church, they had to go down the aisle in single file, because no one could pass them and when they went between the old home made benches to get a seat, they had considerable trouble in getting along. And they had to be careful when they attempted to sit down, for fear the hoop skirt would turn up the wrong way. They had to be awful careful. When I used to go to Murfreesboro, as a boy, I would see them hanging up in the dry goods stores. House flies would roost upon them, for there were no wire screen doors, then.

Next thing came in styles were the bussels, I believe they were called. They looked something like a hump in a camel's back, although mighty stylish. There were also long trail dresses. They wore a trail about three feet long. The upper classes would have a servant go with them to take care of the trail when crossing mud and water, when they went on dress parade. Most all the ladies, then, dipped snuff, too.

Of course, they don't do that now, in modern times. It would be a disgrace now to see a lady wearing her snuff box and brush around.

The boys and young men wore frock-tail coats. I remember when I was about 15 years old, my father bought me one of the long coats—paid five or six dollars for it. It nearly struck my shoe tops, but I felt like a King with it on me. I, too, would get out on dress parade with the other boys of the neighborhood, evenings. Little boys, as soon as they could work, wore long pants—no short pants for boys and young men, then.

I wish we had a museum in some place, where old relics could be collected, and there place the old costumes and different things on exhibition. They would look mighty crude, now, to all of us; but such has

COLORED FAIR HAVING A LARGE ATTENDANCE

Friday Is Woman's Day And It Is Expected To Be Biggest Of All Days

Good weather and fair crowds have featured the third annual fair of the Atlantic District Fair Association, colored, at Ahoskie the first three days. Tuesday was the opening day. Besides the fast race program which is proving to be the main attraction as heretofore, little was doing on the now busy mid-way on the first day. Several carloads of show tents and concessionaires were busy on that day erecting their stands.

Although the first two days were well attended, the nights have been the big attendance pullers. The Wednesday afternoon attendance picked up considerably, and Thursday afternoon an even larger attendance is expected, owing to the big features of the day, which is designated Educational Day. Rev. P. A. Bishop, of Roxobel, and attorney J. T. Newsome, of Newport News, Va., are billed to make talks during the day. Wednesday was Farmers' Day, with following taking part on the program; C. S. Mitchell, County Agent of Gates; L. E. Hall, District Agent, of Raleigh; and J. D. Wray, State Colored Club Agent, of Greensboro.

Friday will be the final day of the fair, and it is on this day the largest crowd is expected to attend. It is Woman's Day. Mrs. Florence Williams, State Health Department, Raleigh, and Mrs. Annie Holland, State Educational Department, Raleigh, will be the speakers of the day.

The midway is now one of the busiest sections in the enclosure, and there are all kinds of concessions to entertain. The Old Plantation Show is doing a big business; and along with the other entertainers are getting some of the shekels that are flowing freely out at the grounds this week.

The exhibits, though not so large, show to advantage the results of work being done on farms, in the homes, and the schools of Hertford and adjoining counties. The farm exhibit of Preston Pierce is good, and includes just about everything produced on the well regulated farm plantation. The handwork of Pleasant Plains School commands attention, and is a revelation to the person who knows nothing about what's taking place in the colored schools. Every manner of basketry, and woodwork is on exhibit; and drawings and illustrations of school work are all good. The Waters Normal Institute of Winton also vies strongly with the smaller school in its exhibits.

The exhibits of the quilts, fancy work, and sewing, on the second floor of the exhibit building are also indicative of many good housewives among the colored race.

The races have been fast and interesting, the track is in excellent shape, and there has been no hitch in the program. J. E. (Bud) Hall is in charge as secretary, with H. B. Reynolds as track manager. The program for the two remaining days is as follows: Thursday afternoon (races begin promptly at 1:30), free for all trot or pace, and 2:20 trot; Friday afternoon, 2:24 pace, and 2:35 trot or pace. The purses are \$200, \$125, \$150, and \$100, respectively.

ROBBERS BUSY HERE AGAIN

Robbers again got busy in Ahoskie Wednesday night, and this time got away with about \$15 in cash and a dozen or more automobile tires. Sessoms Bros.' garage was the victim. This is the second time within ten days Jim Sessoms has lost heavily by thieves. Entrance was made in the garage through the rear door. No clue has been found to the identity of the person or persons who entered the place.

been of the past. So much has been said about the way our women dress—their dresses are too short, this thing or the other thing. They look neat in most of the modern dresses, and when they decide to lengthen their skirts, they will do it, and not before.

Mr. Editor, I am rather modern in most everything. I don't want to hear any more about styles, for I have seen so many during my life. A child five years old would be well entertained for a while if he could see some of those old skirts now.

I don't want to write a long article. I may write again.

JOHN A. PARKER.