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# Hertford County Herald

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## AHOSKIE TO FEAST TOBACCO GROWERS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Tobacco Farmers Invited To Bring Load Here And Join In Festivities Planned For The Day

HON. HALLET S. WARD WILL MAKE SPEECH

All Warehouses Expecting One Of Season's Largest And Best Sales

Ahoskie is grooming itself for the visit of hundreds of tobacco raisers scattered throughout the Roanoke-Chowan territory, and many others from Gates and Chowan counties, on Wednesday, October 24. The Chamber of Commerce has laid final plans for the big day, when barbecued pig, and the accompaniments (minus the "corn") will be handed out to every tobacco farmer who comes here that day, including the whole family if he elects to bring them.

Hon. Hallet S. Ward, First District Congressman, has advised that he will come over for the day, and, unless the weather is bad, he will make an open air address immediately following the barbecue. His subject has not been learned; but folks who have heard him talk and who know how he does it, don't usually care about what he may choose for a subject. The fact is, he will speak to the farmers here that day. He is vitally interested in the agricultural interests of this territory and has been making speeches in North Carolina and Virginia this summer on farm problems.

Copeland's vacant lot has been selected as the place for holding the celebration. Large tables will be erected on the lot, one for white persons, and another for colored. A committee headed by John Haleges, cafe proprietor, and composed of several of the town's women folks will serve the barbecue. R. H. Jernigan is in charge of the committee making arrangements for the feeding of the crowd, and Dr. L. K. Walker is looking after the hogs. Five small porkers have already been donated to the cause, and a few others will come via the gift route. Others will be bought and paid for out of the fund which was raised three months ago for advertising Ahoskie's tobacco market.

In the meantime, the tobacco warehousemen here, including auction and Co-operatives, are looking for one of the really big breaks of the season. They are aiding the Chamber of Commerce in advertising the event. The sales for this week at the local houses have been larger than for two weeks. Prices have also taken a decided trend upwards, and growers selling here have been paid some fancy prices for their weed.

No strings are attached to the feeding of barbecue next Wednesday and tobacco farmers from far and near are invited to come and eat their fill, at the expense of the Ahoskie business people on that day. There will be plenty to eat, and somebody there to serve you when you call for it.

Advertising matter telling of the big day here is now being distributed, and Ahoskie people and others who read of this are invited to extend the invitation to his neighbors, and thus see that everybody gets an invitation to come to Ahoskie Wednesday, October 24.

OLLIE HAMILTON HERE

As usual, Ollie Hamilton's vaudeville performances are proving popular with his audiences which have been filling his large tent since the opening night, Monday. He has a brand new tent this year and a brand new show in it. Ahoskie is the only town between the Roanoke and Chowan rivers at which he will show this year.

## Mr. Whitley Asks Herald To Let Him Alone In The Paper

He Does Not Like Way This Newspaper Handled His Recent Statement

The following letter was received at the HERALD office this week, with a postscript as follows: "If you want to do so, you can put this letter in your paper; if not, let it go to the waste basket."

The letter is as follows: Murfreesboro, N. C., Oct. 15, 1923. Mr. Editor, Ahoskie, N. C.

Dear Mr. Parker: I notice from the comments that you have made through your paper in reference to a remark I made at Winton the first Monday in this month relative to the home demonstration work, it seems that you are very much offended of which I am very sorry. I know you opposed what I said which was all right. I did not know that you had any feeling in the matter. If so you should have had it out then.

I did not mean to cast any reflection on any good lady, or anyone else, and will further state that there is not a man in Hertford County that will stand by and hold up the womanhood any more than I will. As to the demonstration work, I did not oppose it at Winton, but was asked by several as good ladies as this county owns, to do it, and they were not only ladies of the highest type, but real home builders.

And, with all reverence, God knows we need home builders for we are going very short on them every day. Now I do not mean to lift the County Home demonstrator for I think she is a fine lady, and will further state that I have not any doubt she is doing some good work, but how is it being applied? Now, as the word I used might not have been the proper word to explain what I meant, but if we haven't got some flappers and a plenty of them too, then I want you to show me why we haven't. I do not mean to say that any of the ladies at Winton that day were flappers, but will say that they made a mighty poor show in making their request.

Now, Mr. Parker, if you have anything to say to me, or about me, you are welcome to say it to me in person or in a letter, but I think it very unfair for you to make sport of me through your paper. Now, I am going to ask you as a friend, to leave me alone in your paper, and just remember I am not denying what I said or taking it back. Again will say I am sorry I worried you. Yours very truly, E. W. WHITLEY.

## CORNERSTONE LAID AT THE BETHANY CHURCH

It was my privilege to take part in the exercises marking the completion of the work of remodeling and enlarging Bethany Baptist Church. It was a most enjoyable occasion on Friday, October 12th. Two sessions of the congregation were held and dinner served on the grounds. A full day of good speaking, good singing, and good dinner, and good fellowship. What more could a person born and raised in Bertie County wish for? And if he, or she, wished for more or better, it cannot be had. It was a "perfect day."

Reverend E. J. Isenhower occupied the pulpit at the morning session. He is a man of parts and a preacher of power. He is a strong, earnest speaker, means what he says and says what he means. He goes to the heart of his subject. His illustrations are apt. His discourse was felicitous and appropriate. It is a rare privilege to hear such a preacher.

A dinner was served; the proceeds going to the building fund.

In the afternoon it was my pleasure to take part in the program and to conduct the "corner stone" exercises. The appropriate white marble stone with suitable inscription was presented by the Baptist Young Peoples Union. It was a thoughtful and beautiful gift. A striking feature of the day was the magnificent singing by a very large choir of mixed voices conducted by Mr. W. L. Daniels, choir master. One of the numbers was a male quartette which I have never heard surpassed. I have lived my two-thirds of a century in Bertie County; I know all of her people. I hold them in loving keeping. A day spent with them fills me with joy unpeakable.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON.

## MARCO, MAGICIAN TO BE HERE ON LYCEUM COURSE

Second Number of Course Is Highly Spoken Of By Newspapers

Tuesday night, October 23rd, Marco, the Magician, will entertain Ahoskie lovers of things lyceum, coming here as the second number on the 1923 lyceum course. The first attraction, given here three weeks ago, was perhaps one of the best numbers local persons have attended since the introduction of lyceum here.

According to press reports and comments made by newspapers where the Magician Marco has been, the second number will be another well worth attending. The attraction will be given in the Richard Theater building, and Mr. Garrett, manager of the theater, will give no show on that night.

With Marco also comes an assistant who is himself a clever trickster, ably helping the leading magician prove again that "the hand is quicker than the eye." In what the press agent calls "the cleverest lot of sleight-of-hand offerings and illusions you have seen in years."

Out in Houston, Texas, where Marco and his assistant recently exhibited their skill, the News, daily newspaper of that city says:

"This week a clever conjurer is on the bill at the Cozy. With hundreds of tricks—things puzzling to even the most observing—and a line of jesting and small talk that drives the blues skyward, Marco proved mighty interesting."

Season tickets, good for this attraction and four others equally as good or better, can still be secured at less cost than the single admission to all five. The sale of tickets is in the hands of the Parent-Teachers Association.

## Condition Of Crops In Hertford Are Better Than Usual At This Period

North Carolina Crops In General Have Most Favorable Outlook Agriculturally Than It Has Had For Many Years, According To Departments Of Agriculture Reports

Like the average crop conditions in this State, Hertford County farm crops, according to the October Farm report just issued, are better than the average for this period of the year. The report does not cover peanuts, one of this county's principal crops. The report issued for the United States says the following about peanuts:

"Peanuts with a forecasted production of 696,000,000 bushels, the peanut crop for the nation is estimated to be 10 per cent larger than last year and considerably better than the estimate of one month ago." This statement tallies with reports received locally from those who have been digging peanuts. The harvest indicates a good yield from the 1923 crop.

Statistics on the crops of Hertford County are as follows: corn, condition 87 per cent; wheat, per cent marketed 25; white potatoes, condition 90 per cent; tobacco, condition 78 per cent; cowpeas, condition 79 per cent; soybean, condition 85 per cent; apples, condition 20 per cent.

The report for North Carolina is as follows: "That North Carolina is the most fortunate of states is evident from the fact that it has perhaps the most favorable outlook agriculturally that it has had for many years. Most all of the crops have a good outlook for production and price returns, with the exception of fruit which is very short this year. The rank of fourth in the total value of the twenty-two leading crops of the United States is expected to be maintained by North Carolina this year."

"The corn crop has a condition for October 1st of 89 per cent or 9 better than a year ago and the production of 54,405,000 bushels is about 12 per cent more than last year. Tobacco has an average of 9 per cent above the final condition last year and the 347,000,000 pounds shows a prospect of almost 50,000,000 pounds increase. Cotton has an increase of at least 25,000 bales more than was made last year. Wheat has the largest increase of all, the 6,633,000 bushels being 17 per cent more than last year's production, with a yield of 11 bushels per acre. Buckwheat's condition of 91 per cent of a full crop which is 9

## COMPULSORY CONNECTION TO TOWN'S SEWER LINES

Visit Of Sanitary Inspector Signal For Formulation Of Ordinance

Officials of the town of Ahoskie have just about closed the deal for compulsory tapping of sewer by residents of the town whose homes or places of businesses lie next to the city sewer lines. A motion making this a city ordinance was made at the meeting Monday night of the councilmen, but final action, which is practically certain to be favorable, has been deferred until the state authorities may be sought to render advice and counsel as to the nearness a house must be to the sewer line before the city can by ordinance require connection.

State sanitary inspectors have had difficulty in securing compliance with the Sanitary Privy law here, as elsewhere, and have made several visits to Ahoskie. Complaints of nuisances have been made from time to time, and Chief Inspector L. G. Whitley came here a few months ago to give final warning to owners of the nuisances. The return of another inspector here this week was the occasion of a revival of the interest in this question. Several existing nuisances, in violation of the State law, have been found in the town.

This fact coupled with the failure of some to use the city sewer, although amply able to do so, have caused the commissioners to begin action looking to compulsory connection with the city sewer. The councilmen are known to favor it, and were ready Monday night to make it a law; but, as noted in the opening paragraph, they are waiting for final action to hear from State authorities about the distance the house must be before requiring connection.

## Automobile Accidents Are Becoming Numerous Lately

Chrevolet and Coca-Cola Truck Have Head-On Collision On State Road

A fast running automobile and a cloud of dust caused the complete undoing of a Chrevolet touring car, and slightly injured Joe Umphlett of Ahoskie and B. R. Harrell of Cole-rain Monday afternoon on the Ahoskie-Aulander State highway, about three miles this side of Aulander. The driver of a large Coca-Cola truck which hit the Chrevolet head-on escaped without injury.

The car and truck smashed together almost without warning to occupants of either. Umphlett saw the truck ahead of him a few yards away before the two came together; the driver of the truck did not know what had happened until a minute after the accident when the dust had cleared away. The front axle and one wheel of the truck was wrecked; the Chrevolet was torn beyond repair. Umphlett received a few minor bruises, while Harrell was cut on the arm, his face and head scratched. It was necessary to take several stitches in his arm.

A cloud of dust caused by another automobile which had just overtaken and passed the Chrevolet, blinded Umphlett and the driver of the truck. Mr. Umphlett saw the truck just a few yards away, and cut his steering wheel sharply to the left in an attempt to avoid the collision. But for that, the two would have hit radiator-to-radiator. However, as he cut the machine the two front wheels struck. The Chrevolet was thrown into the woods, but did not turn over.

The accident occurred a few hundred yards this side of the Holiness camping grounds.

Willie Godwin, son of J. W. Godwin, Jr., of this city, completely overturned his Ford coupe last Sunday night on the highway running across the field of the J. P. Brett heirs. It is said he was asleep at the wheel, when it did the somersault. He escaped uninjured, while he lost the windshield and top of his coupe.

## ROAD BOND MONEY IS APPORTIONED

In pursuance of a motion passed at the last regular session of the county road board, the commissioners who have charge of road administration in the county met at Winton last Friday, and worked out the percentages the six townships are entitled to out of the monthly bond money available.

The monthly notes which are now coming into the treasury from the purchasers of the bonds amount to \$11,400. The following is the percentages of that amount to which the townships are entitled: Maney's 10.54; Murfreesboro, 14.39; Winton, 14.09; St. Johns, 17.09; Harrellsville, 16.04; Ahoskie, 27.85. These are based upon the listed value of property in each township.

The commissioners worked with Secretary John Northcott for a couple or more hours in arriving at the percentages, which were arrived at by a survey of the equipment now in each township, and the amount of bond money which had already been spent in each township.

Hereafter, each commissioner will draw from the treasury, via the bond account, his proportion of the \$11,400 note, and to him will be delegated the sole power and authority to use it as he sees fit. The regular meetings of the board will continue to be held, and the Secretary, Mr. Northcott, will continue to issue all checks.

## SEEKING COTTON MILL HERE

Rev. E. J. Isenhower and Messrs. E. J. Gerock, S. M. Applebaum and J. Roy Parker will leave by automobile for Petersburg, Va., Friday morning. They will inspect a cotton factory at that city, the owner of which is seeking to locate in Ahoskie. They are representing the Chamber of Commerce.

## YOUNG LADY BORN

Born to Mrs. Carrol J. Lowe, on Friday, October 12, a 10 pound baby girl. The family, which resides on route one, are all doing well and are happy.

## JUDGE JOHN KERR IS HOLDING HIS FINAL SESSION OF COURT

He Is Expected To Resign After Holding This Term And Take A Rest Before He Goes To Congress

OPENS ON TIME AND STARTS QUICK WORK

Modlin Gets Twelve Months In Auto Case; Thomas Fails To Appear

Holding his last term of superior court for the State of North Carolina at Winton this week, Judge John H. Kerr, nominee for Congress from the Second District, broke down the traditions of all other judges Monday when he opened court on time, delivered another of his intensely human interest, heart-to-heart talks to the jury and immediately set the court to working. The result has been the clearing of the heavily charged criminal docket, and a superior court in readiness for the civil docket Thursday morning.

Although Judge Kerr has made no announcement to that effect, it is generally supposed that he will tender his resignation to Governor Morrison before the present two weeks term at Winton has been completed, and will return to his home in Warrenton for a brief rest before taking the seat in Congress vacated by the death of Hon. Claude Kitchin. It was thought he might not hold Hertford's court this time, but he was importuned by the bar to make this his last "stand" while on the bench.

The charge delivered to the grand jury closely followed the line of thought in his last charge in July. He spoke more than an hour, but made only a passing mention of laws and rules of court, leaving it to the jury, which he believed to composed of intelligent men, to perform its sworn duties under the oath they had taken.

He again suggested to the jury that it speak kindly of the county officers, if they were found to be diligent. The grand jury's report turned in Tuesday afternoon noted the fact that all county officers were performing their duties well, and spoke of the excellence of the county school system. It contained only one recommendation—that a county home inmate be transferred to another room.

Judge Kerr also reiterated his belief that grand juries should be appointed for at least twelve months, if not for two years. He believed the Legislature should make it a State law requiring at least twelve months service.

Trial of criminal cases was under way before the noon recess Monday, and from that time until late Wednesday afternoon quick work was made of all action "coming on to be tried". Several defendants failed to appear, and forfeited their bail. Among them was Walter Thomas of Ahoskie, under indictment for the theft of an automobile belonging to J. H. Jenkins. Tony Southall, a Murfreesboro character, indicted on a liquor charge, also failed to appear.

Among the jury cases tried were those of Linwood Flood, colored, of Ahoskie, who was convicted for entering Rufus Bizzell's store with felonious intent, and sentenced to twelve months on the roads. Braxton Modlin, co-defendant with Walter Thomas in the automobile theft case, was found guilty and given a twelve months road sentence. The jury recommended.

On the stand this time, Modlin denied all of the story he told in the hearing here, implicating Henry Hyatt, Fricks, and Arthur Newsome. He said this was a "story" Thomas framed for him to tell, upon the promise that he (Thomas) would see that Modlin got out of jail. He denied on the stand that he knew any-

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