

TOBACCO AVERAGES HIGH FIGURES HERE

September Report Gives Ahoskie Lead Over All Competing Markets

HIGHER THAN GREENVILLE

Claims made by auction tobacco warehousemen in Ahoskie that this market was paying prices above the average in this belt during September are borne out to the letter and to the figure in the September report of the Department of Agriculture on tobacco sales in North Carolina. Ahoskie made a higher per hundred average in that month than any other single small market in eastern North Carolina, and ranks right along with, and only slightly below Wilson, the largest market in the belt.

The average price paid here was \$18.51 per hundred pounds, which is 45 cents per hundred pounds higher than the average paid on the auction floors of Greenville, one of the large markets of the East. It trailed Rocky Mount by the same margin that it exceeded Greenville, and the difference here and at Kinston, another leading market, was still less—29 cents per hundred.

Averages of other markets in this belt and of Ahoskie's size were, as follows: Farmville, \$17.46; Robersonville, \$18.19; Washington, \$17.30; Williamson, \$16.78.

In other words, tobacco brought better prices right here in Ahoskie than any of its competing markets; and prices here now are even better, say the warehousemen. In the South Carolina belt, where several North Carolina towns are located, the averages have been higher than in the East, which accounts in a large measure for the higher State average of \$18.85. The higher grades are being sold in that territory.

A little less than a million pounds were sold at Ahoskie in September—921,916.

The report just issued summarizes as follows:

Warehousemen were unanimous in remarking that the tobacco offered during the past month has been very poor. Sales consisted mostly of a common quality of lugs and tips, very little good tobacco being sold. Markets in Wake report that the leaves were damaged by rains. The crop is not as good as expected and many report that the quality is not as good as last year. This is evidenced by the average price received during September \$18.95 as compared with the September price last year, (\$25.15).

LITTLE GIRL IS BADLY BURNED BY LIVE WIRE

Cecelia Belle Earley, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Magruder Earley, of this city, received severe burns from a shock administered by a live electric wire Monday afternoon. She was rendered unconscious for several minutes after touching the live wire, which was wrapped around a light pole on Church street, and was dangling loose at the top.

The flesh on the little girl's arm just below the shoulder was badly burned, and a lesser burn was made across her shoulder and down the back. Attending physicians expect the burns to heal.

When the accident occurred, she was playing on the streets with the neighbors' children. She caught the wire in her hand, pulling the top of it down against the wire that furnishes current for the homes along the street, and which carried a voltage of 110 amperes. When the live wire was touched, a circuit was formed, and the shock resulted. The loose wire had been used as a "guy" wire and had broken loose from its moorings, and some person had wrapped the loose end around the pole.

NOW DIGGING PEANUTS

Farmers who were digging peanuts a week and who planned to finish the job this week were halted for the first three days of this week by a cold rain, driven by a shifting wind. It fell almost continuously from early Monday until late at night Tuesday. Cooler weather and fair skies are now prevailing and the business of housing peanuts has been resumed. The yield is reported as being from fair to good. The market here has already opened and buyers are offering around five cents per pound.

BARBECUE IS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Pork, Judge Francis D. Winston, and Congressman Ward Headliners

Two days of rain preceding the date set for the free barbecue and speaking in Ahoskie for tobacco farmers and their families caused the postponement of the big day for exactly one week. The directors of the Chamber of Commerce in session on Wednesday night voted to stage the barbecue and speaking Wednesday, October 31st.

The event had been thoroughly advertised for the 24th, and tobacco warehousemen here were assured of big breaks by farmers all over Hertford and Bertie counties who were planning to come and eat the barbecue, and hear Congressman Hallett S. Ward speak. Some came Wednesday but hundreds were kept away on account of the roads and bad weather conditions.

An equally large number will now make their plans to come next Wednesday. And, in the way of adding another attraction for those who are the guests of Ahoskie that day, Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, down in Bertie whence much of the tobacco will come from, will share the platform with Congressman Ward. Eight hundred pounds of seasonal pork have already been secured and is now ready to be turned into barbecue, and a barbecuer of fame has been secured to do the job. Large tables, arranged for both whites and colored will go up on Copeland's lot early next week. A local committee on serving has also been subpoenaed, one for the white section, and another for the colored tobacco farmers.

Tobacco averages are high on the market here now, and this market is maintaining the pace she set in September when its average was higher than any other competing market in this belt. On this particular day, Wednesday, October 31st, the farmers are invited to bring a load of tobacco and get a good price for it; then take themselves down town to Copeland's lot and eat some of the best barbecue they've ever stuck a tooth in, and stand by to hear two of the State's best platform talkers give them speeches that'll set off their dinner to perfection. Barbecue, Congressman Ward, and Judge Winston are three products of eastern North Carolina that make a combination calculated to appease appetites, ton entertain, and to instruct.

The strings to the latchkey in Ahoskie will be unloosed next Wednesday and the visitor is bid come in and take the town and everything they can get away with.

PEANUT HULLS ARE PUT TO GOOD USE

Coal crises may come and they may go, but the Ahoskie light plant will go on forever, so long as farmers continue to raise peanuts and the cleaners and Peanut Association don't fall out and both quit business.

Peanut hulls are now being used to furnish steam at the local power plant, and they are taking the place of coal or wood. They have been used in varying quantities for two weeks or more and sufficient steam has been generated by them to turn gins, print newspapers, make "pop," and light up the town.

The Columbian Peanut Company has also been using hulls for fuel for some time and they, too, have found them readily available as a coal substitute.

MEETING OF THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular monthly meeting in the school auditorium Friday evening, November 2nd, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A special program is being prepared, and all patrons of the school are urged to attend. A report of the first month's work will be rendered, and other business matters discussed.

Program will last one hour only. Let all friends and patrons of the school attend, and let us all work together for a bigger and better school this year.

K. T. RAYNOR, Superintendent.

FOUNDERS' DAY TO BE A GREAT EVENT

Anniversary of Chowan College Will Be Celebrated Next Wednesday

SPEAKING AND PAGEANT

In a joint meeting with the annual session of the West Chowan Baptist Association, Chowan College alumnae, students, faculty, and its many friends will celebrate formally the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the College, next Wednesday, October 31. A speech by Hon. J. William Bailey, of Raleigh, and the staging of a huge pageant will feature the day's program.

October 11 was the date of the college's birthday, and is known as Founders Day in the college annals. But, the "heavy" exercises were postponed from that date until next week in order to merge it with the Baptist Association which was scheduled to be held on the 30th, which is next Tuesday. Hence, there will be two days of meetings, speeches and epoch making events in the history of the Baptist college. The Association will attend to its business the day preceding, and the crowds will stay over the Founders Day celebration.

Mr. Bailey will speak Wednesday morning. A general meeting of the alumnae will be held that afternoon, and at night "The Diamond Pageant" will be given in the splendid new auditorium. Eighty-five persons will take part in the pageant, and it is described as a gorgeous affair, portraying in detail the history and life of Chowan. New curtains and other accessories for the large, well arranged stage in the auditorium will be in place for the first time, and persons who have known Chowan for these many years will wonder how it all came about—this great improvement.

The Chowanian, newspaper published fortnightly at the college, is featuring the Founders Day celebration in its current issue, which made its appearance Thursday of this week. Many stories on the events planned are printed in the publication; and valuable and interesting data on the history of the college, together with that of its alumnae, are contained in the third number of the college newspaper.

In this connection, Dr. Weaver who was formerly head of the department of journalism at Wake Forest College has just organized a Press Association among the Chowan students, and news of the college is finding its way to the newspapers of the State.

Another event planned in connection with the Founders Day celebration next week is the banquet to be given in the college dining hall for Hertford County alumni of Wake Forest College. President William L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, Hon. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, and Rev. J. Arch McMillan, secretary of the general Alumni Association of Wake Forest, will inake talks to the alumni who attend the banquet. There are many alumni of Wake Forest College in the county, and an attempt will be made there to organize a county alumni Association. Doctor Weaver is sponsoring the county organization and he is meeting with hearty amens from all alumni and former students of the college.

All friends, alumnae and interested persons are invited to attend the exercises next Wednesday. The new auditorium will seat 800 persons.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE INSPECTS COTTON MILL

Rev. E. J. Isenhower, Messrs. E. J. Gerock, S. M. Applebaum, and J. Roy Parker spent last Friday in Petersburg, Va., inspecting a cotton mill, of a 9,400 spindle capacity, as representatives of the Ahoskie Chamber of Commerce, which has under consideration the location of a cotton mill in Ahoskie. This mill will consume 2,000 bales of cotton per year and work 200 persons, on a daytime basis only, with 4,000 bales and 400 persons working day and night.

At a meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night, the committee gave its report. The directors then voted to ask Mr. L. R. Gilbert, superintendent of the Caraleigh Cotton Mill in Raleigh, to go to Petersburg, and appraise the machinery, and visit Ahoskie on his return, to give a report on the proposition. He will be joined in Petersburg by a representative of the Chamber of Commerce.

AHOSKIE TOWN TAXES TO BE DUE IN SHORT WHILE

One Per Cent Discount Allowed For Payment Before December First

There will be compulsory connection with the town's sewer lines within a short time from this date. The council has ordered that an ordinance be drafted for final enactment, and when presented it will receive the unanimous vote of the three members.

Sanitary Inspector Hastings, of the State Department of Health, has been doing some work in the colored section of town, and made a report to the council about existing conditions, which are none too good. Compliance with the State law has been in many cases ignored.

Tax receipts for 1923 taxes have also been ordered printed, and the collector, M. O. Gerock, will soon have them in his possession. A discount of 1 per cent on taxes paid before December 15th has also been granted on the council's motion. Approximately \$18,000 will be realized from 1923 city taxes, according to Mayor Williams, who is now computing the lists.

A contract for coal has been entered into by the town with the W. H. Brown Coal Company of Norfolk, to continue in force until next April. The council has been negotiating with several companies for some time, to execute a contract which will preclude the possibility of running out of fuel during the winter months. The new contract will take care of that feature.

The council has also granted full police powers to A. C. Waters, who has been guaranteed a salary by local business houses to serve as night cop. Policeman Waters has already taken up his duties.

MR. PARKER TAKES ONE MORE WHACK WRITING

Editor HERALD:

I did not intend writing another article in some time, but I decided to write one more. The two last articles were on things of the past—those crude things in my childhood.

I will mention some of the Home Remedies our mothers used when we got puny and out of shape. The children generally were unhealthy 40 or 50 years ago. One of the main medicines used for the children were worm seed weed. Some called it O'key Jerusalem. They pulled this weed up in the fall of the year, hung it up in a dry place and kept it for the spring tonic. Our mothers in the spring rubbed out the seed and cooked in molasses. The children were called out of bed early in the morning and put to eating this compound. They were not allowed to eat any breakfast. Along in the day, the children would have to take a big dose of Castor Oil. About the second dose, the children began to cry because those old worm seed would almost leave me to think about them now. Another home remedy was vinegar and nails. This was to whet up the appetite. Let me tell you it was some dose too. Ask Dr. Jess if he didn't have to take these tonics, too. I am sure he did.

Nearly everybody used to have chills and fever in the summer and fall. Red pepper Tea was the remedy resorted to. Some used Dogwood bark Tea and various remedies. A doctor won't sent for often unless somebody almost about to die. He couldn't afford to make many visits. Our parents weren't able to pay his bills. The doctors only charged about \$1.50 a visit, for four or miles trip. He couldn't afford often to go see a patient and, too, our parents went able to pay for many visits either. Folks would get sick and die; of course, lots of people died from what those old doctors called Cramp Colic. They did not know anything about appendicitis the folks died from. They would drench the patient with Castor Oil and give Blue Mass; and they would leave the patient to die.

The doctors were about as crude as other things around some other things. I will also mention other happenings during the Civil War and afterwards for several years.

Our clothing was all made at home or manufactured there, I might say. Those old looms—I can almost hear them now. Bum, Bum! weaving one thread at the time. It was mighty fine work for a woman to weave 5 yards of cloth per day and part of the night for the outer garments the cloth was

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The Herald's Dollar Offer Has Met With Generous Response

Tuesday Night's Check of Records Showed Approximately 275 Persons to Have Paid For Subscriptions—Many New Names Being Added Daily During Remaining Days of October

That Hertford and Bertie county people will give a loyal and liberal support to a local weekly newspaper that equips itself to meet the modern demand for a newsy paper is strongly borne out by the experience of the HERALD since it inaugurated a special One-Dollar-A-Year subscription drive. Tuesday night when the records of the office were hurriedly checked up to determine the approximate amount of cash received voluntarily within the last three weeks, it was found to be in the neighborhood of \$300, representing 275 individual subscribers, old and new.

For years, this newspaper has conducted some sort of special offer, in the form of premiums, reduced rates, or Pay-Up periods along about harvest time, when most of its subscriptions are due. Each year there has been a generous response to the offer; but the records this year will eclipse them all. New subscriptions have been coming into this office at the rate of from ten to twenty-five a day since last Saturday. A large majority of our old subscribers had already paid up one, two, and in a few cases, five years in advance even before that time.

LOOK FOR LABEL ON YOUR PAPER

New and old subscribers who have sent remittances to this office during our Dollar Drive should examine the labels on the papers next week, to see that no mistake has been made in this office. In the rush of receiving dollars and making entries, some mistakes in dates or addresses might have been made; but, if you will call our attention to it, any error will be promptly and willingly corrected. Last minute subscribers are coming thick and fast, and, if the present record continues, the subscription list of the HERALD will soon look like a complete roster of the heads of families in Hertford County, and at the Colerain and Powellsville post-offices in Bertie county. It's a good time to buy a newspaper cheap—not a cheap newspaper. So long as this newspaper maintains its present position among North Carolina weeklies it will never be offered for less than \$1.50 a year, after the night of October 31, which is next Wednesday.

YOUNG NEGRO BOLD DAY-TIME ROBBER

Horace Newsome, 12-year-old colored boy of this place, is now under arrest for the larceny of a wrist watch valued at \$18, a gold band finger ring, valued at \$9, and \$7 cents in cash from the home of Henry Picot. The alleged robbery took place Monday afternoon, entry being made, according to the boy's own confession, through an open window in the house.

Matt Bowers, one-time star baseball pitcher for the local colored nine, and who lately completed a stay of several months on the county roads for a hold-up performance, was first arraigned for the larceny, but was able to prove an alibi. The finding of the wrist watch by another colored boy with whom the Newsome boy had been playing was the clue that caught the latter.

He was taken before Judge D. R. McGlohon at Winton, who postponed the hearing until after superior court this week.

NATIVE AHOSKIE BOY WEDS A SUFFOLK GIRL

The following announcements have been received in Ahoskie:

"Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bradshaw announce the marriage of their daughter, Edith Gibson, to John Spurgeon Alexander, Monday, October the twenty-second, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, Suffolk, Va. At home, after October twentieth-n-y wo hrdd after October twenty-ninth, Kinston, N. C."

Mr. Alexander is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Alexander, of this city. He lived here for several years before accepting his present position as foreman of the Geo. Wells Printing Plant at Kinston. He is a young man of steady habits and is proficient in his chosen work. He formerly worked on the HERALD force.

Sample copies mailed out during the last three weeks, followed by appeals by mail have brought the new subscribers in flocks. The next few days as the offer draws to a close is expected to bring into this office an even greater volume of new subscribers, with a liberal sprinkling of renewals, until this newspaper shall be able to exhibit a paid-in-advance subscription list that will stand comparison with any of the larger and leading weekly newspapers of the State. Then, this newspaper shall begin another year of strong effort, directed solely to the one purpose of issuing a weekly newspaper that lives up to its motto, printed just below its masthead—"A Paper Worth While."

Our pride and hearts have swollen to such an extent lately that we are bound to let our readers see in print some of the good things our subscribers have been saying to us. Some of the letters are printed below.

Says It Gets Better
"I am enclosing check for \$1 for a year's subscription to the HERALD, I will say I do not know where I could invest a dollar and get a greater value for the money, or more pleasure from the investment. Seems that your paper gets better each week, and Mrs. — and I look forward each week to its arrival."

Can't Do Without It
"Enclosed you will find check for One Dollar for which you will continue the HERALD, as I feel like that I could hardly be without it now. I sent in my subscription last year. You sure have improved its columns."

Who Are They?
"Put me down for \$1.50. I am going to move in December, but where I'm going to, I see no better way of keeping up with some of these crooked guys than through your paper."

Mr. Joyner Like It, Too
Mr. N. S. Joyner, a Hertford county man who has moved to what is sometimes called "Bloody Madison" county, writes us an interesting letter, commending the paper for its improvements in features and suggesting other features. His letter will be found in another column. The HERALD appreciates these suggestions, and would like to have others.

The Opinion Is General
Whether they write nice letters or not, the fellows who run the HERALD know every dollar sent to this office is an approval of the policy and character of the newspaper, and is in itself an endorsement. They accept every subscription in that light. Many have been the expressions made to us in person, and others not listed in this article have written to us and told about the enjoyment they get out of every issue.

Folks, this newspaper has no other way of doing it than by saying "Thank You" to every person who reads this article.

BIRTH OF A NATION

"The Birth of A Nation," the screen production of Tom Dixon's Clansman, will be played at the Richard Theater tonight, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Many persons here and elsewhere have seen this picture before, and these and others will pay the price of admission on one of the three nights this week.

Glady's says men are like the moon; shine best at night, and down to their last quarter a good part of the time.