

## HARVEST TIME IS HERE AND PRICES HOLDING UP GOOD

### Cotton And Peanuts Have Started Moving And Farm- ers No Longer Dependent On Tobacco

## COTTON SHOWS LARGE INCREASE IN REPORT

### Prices For Cotton Good; Pea- nuts Fair, and Tobacco Get- ting Better

Harvest time, and marketing of farm products, that is, the three chief "money crops", is well under way in this section and all over Hertford and Bertie counties. Heavy sales of tobacco no longer produce the only revenue for the farmers of these two counties. Peanuts and cotton have begun rolling, and the shekels are going into the pockets of the producers in large bulk.

Business in all its phases is perking up. The time merchant is not the least happy of all; if anything, he is the most jubilant, unless it be the dirt farmer himself who is seeing the product of a year's toil turned into a nice profit, at the present prices being paid for every article put on the market.

Tobacco which took a slight drop a few weeks back has been selling lately for a much better price, and nice returns are being realized. Last week's sales were among the biggest of the season on the local market, and the first three days of this week have seen still larger breaks. Wednesday's sale was the largest of all, many farmers coming with a load to eat barbecue and hear the speech making.

Dry weather preceded cotton picking time, and it opened early, with the result that the cotton fields have in most cases been picked over two and three times. The report of Special Agent J. A. Parker shows just how much more has been ginned this year than last. The total in this county was more than double on the 18th of October what it was the same dates last year.

According to the report, 3,409 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, were ginned in Hertford county from the crop of 1923, prior to October 18th, as compared with 1,132 bales ginned up to October 18, 1922. In Ahoskie, approximately 1350 bales have been ginned this season up to Wednesday night, and both gins are kept busy every day.

Prices for this commodity have ranged from 28 to 29 1/2 cents per pound on the Ahoskie market. For the last week the higher figure has been given. The market is unusually steady and demand for it still holds out, with prices holding up good. But few farmers are holding at the present prices. Buying is strong competitively here, and the market is one of the best in this territory. The addition of a second gin has brought a larger quantity of cotton this year than usual.

Peanuts are now moving to market. Most all crops have been dug and the peanut pickers are moving from field to field, while the farmers are either bringing them to market or are storing them at home. The price being paid here by independent buyers, who are getting the bulk of the crop, ranges from 5 to 5 1/2 cents per pound. Few farmers in this vicinity are delivering their peanuts to the Association. However, they are more cautious about selling than usual, and they are not being dumped quite as heavily as usual.

Ahoskie's freight receipts, outgoing, have taken a rapid rise within the last two weeks. Carload shipments of all three of the principal crops are moving away daily, and the outgoing platforms of the Atlantic Coast Line are filled every day with cotton, peanuts and tobacco. The railroad is handling the crop quickly, and with despatch.

## U. D. CHAPTER TO PUT ON BIG SALE

The U. D. C. Chapter of Ahoskie will have a "Parcel Post Sale", Saturday, November 3, at two o'clock, at Bellamy's old store, next door to Mrs. E. C. Britton. Home made candy will also be offered for sale.

The next regular meeting of the chapter will be held with Mrs. R. R. Copeland, Tuesday, November 6, at 3 o'clock.

## LARGE CORPORATION TO OPERATE IN THE COUNTY

### Planters Manufacturing Com- pany Secures Timber Rights Along Swamp

Ahoskie business may be helped by foreign capital, principally from Virginia, during the next five or ten years, through the extensive logging operations which will be carried on by the Planters Manufacturing Company, of Portsmouth, Va. This large corporation, one of the country's largest makers of truck baskets and allied articles, has secured contracts for cutting gum timber from the lowlands along the Ahoskie Swamp for several miles.

A. M. Hart, manager of the Portsmouth factory, has been in this vicinity for several days making arrangements for the immediate construction of a siding just below the Ahoskie electric light plant. It is understood here that it will be begun next week.

The timber rights on lands all the way from the A. C. L. trestle South of the town limits to St. Johns, and many more acres in the Cuttawhisey Swamp are included in the corporation's holdings. Several years will be required to cut and move the timber.

A logging road will be built across the lands and it will terminate at the siding which will be constructed next week. Large operations, and much labor and materials will be required in the process of cutting and moving the property.

It is one of the largest logging projects undertaken here; next to the Branning Manufacturing Company, perhaps the most extensive. The Planters Manufacturing Company does a big business in a big way, and annually furnishes boxes, trucks, and barrels for a large trucking area.

## Tuberculosis Costing Hertford County Heavily In Loss Of Life And Money

Tuberculosis is still reaping a grim harvest in Hertford County. Accurate figures reported by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association on the 1922 deaths show this county to rank third in the deaths from this disease in the 100 counties of the State. It is exceeded by Durham county only.

In 1922, there were 151.3 persons to the 100,000 population in Hertford County to die from Tuberculosis. Since the population of Hertford County was a little above 16,000 in 1920, working this out by the percentages figured in the report, there were approximately 25 deaths from tuberculosis in the county in 1922. In Durham county, there were 152.2 deaths from every 100,000 population. Pasquotank had a rate of 156.2.

While we still need to cut this figure down, Hertford has fallen down one notch since the report issued last year and covering 1921 deaths. Durham was the only county ahead of this then. The figures were: Hertford, 169.6; Durham, 182.3.

During that period the state average also fell from 101 deaths to 97.5 in the 100,000 population. The disease is more prevalent among negroes than among white persons, and the high average of this county is partly due to the fact that the negro population is greater than the white population.

Neighboring counties have also shown a decline in the number of deaths from Tuberculosis since the last report. The 1922

## HALLOWEEN EVENT

Members of the Columbian Literary Society of the Ahoskie High School gives a special Halloween entertainment at the school auditorium tonight, Thursday. Elaborate decorations have been arranged and a snappy program will be given.

## CLEAR SKIES AGAIN

November opened up Thursday morning with a clear sky and a temperature moderately cold, but not enough to make it uncomfortable. A large frost and some ice resulted from the change in temperature over Wednesday night.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY IS IN FOR FIGHT IN COURT

### Mandamus Proceedings Started to Force Election to Annex Territory

The North Carolina Supreme Court may be called upon to decide whether a Northampton county school shall annex a portion of Hertford county territory. A mandamus proceeding has been started by petitioners in the Menola section who are seeking to vote themselves into the Woodland-Onley High School District of Northampton County.

Four weeks ago when the Hertford county commissioners rejected the recommendations of the board of Education to call an election in the territory not now in the school district, Attorney Sumner Burgwyn, appearing before the commissioners then for the petitioners, told the board such an action might be taken, and he was told to "shoot" by the members, every one of whom was opposed to the annexation idea.

During superior court in Winton last week, a mandamus order was signed by Judge Kerr, at the instance of Attorneys Stanley Winborne and Sumner Burgwyn, who are representing the freeholders asking for the election. It will be returnable at Jackson, Tuesday, November 6th. Judge T. M. Pittman, latest appointee of Governor Cameron Morrison, will pass upon the order then.

Attorneys J. Hiliary Matthews and Ernest Tyler have been retained by Dr. J. H. Mitchell, chairman of the board of commissioners, to plead for dismissal of the order and prevent the calling of an election. Doctor Mitchell says he will carry the fight to the Supreme Court before he will ever consent to the territory in Hertford County being turned over to the Woodland-Onley High School.

figures are: Bertie, 90.7; Gates, 56.8; Northampton, 102.5; Chowan, 131.4. In 1921, the average deaths for the 100,000 population in three of these counties were as follows: Bertie, 123.4; Gates, 121.7; Northampton, 93.6. Both Bertie and Gates have improved conditions by big percentages, while Northampton's death rate took a decided jump from 1921 to 1922. The figures as set down in this article are a part of the folder just issued calling for the Third Annual Session of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association. The session met Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at Durham.

Through the sales of Christmas Seals, the Association annually raises funds for the fight against the Great White Plague. Stamps will soon be placed on sale for Christmas 1923, and the officers, directors, and members of the Association are looking to North Carolinians to swell the receipts from sales.

Something of the work accomplished in the crusade against Tuberculosis can be seen from the following figures given out by the Association:

"There were 4,800 deaths from tuberculosis in 1913; there were 2,369 in 1922.

"Tuberculosis cost the people of the United States one hundred million dollars in 1913; it cost fifty millions in 1922.

"Fifty millions saved in 1922, but still losing fifty millions annually."

## DOLLAR DRIVE ENDS

The HERALD'S Dollar-A-Year offer has closed; and it ended after the most successful campaign ever conducted by the newspaper. Figures have not yet been accurately counted, but enough has been checked to assure the addition of not less than 300 new subscribers during October. Not an old one has been lost. Approximately 750 persons either renewed their subscriptions or entered their names for the first time during the month.

Mayor Thad A. Eure of Winton was among the business visitors in Ahoskie Thursday morning.

## COUNTY FAIR WILL BEGIN AT WINTON ON NOVEMBER 6TH

### Secretary Will Thomas, After Riding The Circuit, Plans To Give The Best Attraction Of All

## EXHIBITS INCREASED AND OF BETTER GRADE

### Fast Racing Program, Fire- works, and Narder's Majes- tic Shows Billed

For the sixth consecutive year, Hertford County folks will trek their way to Winton next week to attend the annual Hertford County Fair. There will be four days and nights of it, beginning Tuesday and lasting through Friday night.

There is every reason to believe this fair will be the best in every line of the six affairs staged. The agricultural exhibits, home exhibits, and all others will be larger this year, and there will be a greater variety in every department. Secretary Will Thomas has been "following fairs" now for two months, and he is picking and choosing the best features from all to introduce to his guests next week. This will be one of the last fairs of the season, and comes at a time when all the folks have enough cash to pay their way through, and sufficient time to linger around for a while.

Bumper crops have been harvested and others are in the process in this county, and in adjoining counties; and that is one great reason why the farm exhibits should excel those of previous fairs. The best of every variety will be on exhibit, and the best this year is better than usual.

The following superintendents of departments will look after the booths at Winton: Farm Crop, B. N. Sykes; Livestock, B. G. Williams, with Hugh Jones as assistant; Poultry, M. R. Herring; Canning Clubs, Pantry and Dairy Supplies, Miss Myrtle Swindell; Needle and Fancy Work, Mrs. W. B. Pollard and Mrs. J. S. Shaw; Antiques, Curios, War Relics, Miss Oletia Vick; Mrs. J. A. Shaw; Arts and Crafts, Mrs. P. H. Taylor; Work of Children, Miss Mary Williams.

G. N. Harrell, of Murfreesboro, has charge of the horse racing program this year, and he has booked racers from some of the best stables in the country. There will be two races each day, beginning at half past twelve o'clock. Two hundred dollar purses are offered in each race, and the money will be divided as follows: 50, 25, 15, and 10. Rules of the National Trotting Association will govern all races.

The program is as follows: Tuesday 2:25 trot, 2:20 pace; Wednesday, 2:15 trot, 2:24 pace; Thursday, 2:22 trot, 2:12 pace; Friday, 2:17 pace, 2:20 trot. J. C. Chitty of Murfreesboro will assist Dr. Harrell in the program.

Displays of fireworks will be given every night during the fair. Fair attendants will remember the attraction this feature has held for them in previous years; and Secretary Thomas promises the same thrills as heretofore.

Narder's Majestic Shows, one of the largest and most complete aggregations showing the fairs will fill the midway with their attractions, and every imaginable entertainment feature will be offered by them. They will be open day and night throughout the four days of the fair.

## NEW BUILDINGS NOW BEING ERECTED HERE

Garrett and Jernigan have already started construction on a new warehouse building located next to the Barnes-Sawyer Grocery Company, on the South side, next to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The building will be 70 x 70, and will be built of corrugated iron, with brick foundation.

J. D. Sessoms, owner of six Main street stores, East, is also having a new brick garage building erected on the lot at the rear of his stores.

Hoggard & Stokes, one of the town's oldest mercantile firms, are planning to supplant their old wooden building, on Railroad street, with a handsome brick building. They will move from their present quarters the first of the year, and do business in another building while the new structure is in process of erection.

## BARBECUE AND SPEAKING FOR TOBACCO FARMERS HELD HERE

## JOHN H. KERR NOW A PRIVATE CITIZEN

### Warrenton Man Winds Up His Career as Superior Court Judge While Serving In This County

## HIS SUCCESSOR IS ALREADY AT WORK

### Court Officers And Bar Offer Resolutions For Retiring- Jurist

It is no longer Judge John H. Kerr—after November 6th, it will be Congressman John H. Kerr, and today it is plain John H. Kerr.

He ended his career as a superior court judge of North Carolina last Thursday at Winton. His formal resignation was left on Governor Cameron Morrison's desk in Raleigh last Saturday, and he went back home, to Warrenton, for a few days well deserved and no doubt greatly needed rest, before taking up his official duties as Congressman from the Second North Carolina District. The election will be held November 6, and, since the republicans have not yet offered any opposing candidate, Hon. John H. Kerr will step into his new public office without further opposition.

Judge T. M. Pittman, Judge Kerr's successor on the bench, has already started his judicial career, sitting at Jackson, Northampton county, this week and next.

Before court adjourned at Winton last Thursday, resolutions were presented to the court expressing regret in the loss of Judge Kerr's services from the bench, but congratulating the Second District and North Carolina for choosing him as National representative. The resolutions as originally drafted are set forth below:

WHEREAS, at this term of the Superior Court the Hon. John H. Kerr, resident Judge of this district being present and presiding, and

WHEREAS on the 3rd day of October, 1923, the Democratic voters of the Second Congressional District elected this learned and able jurist as the Democratic nominee for the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, this term will be the last court held in this State by the said John H. Kerr,

WHEREAS, as Solicitor of this District for 13 years, and as judge of this District for 7 years, he has by his fairness and ability endeared himself to the bar of this County, and by his unflinching courtesy to the Court officers, has won their esteem, and by his life and character among us has attained a high place in the affections of all the people;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Hertford County Bar and the Court Officers of Hertford County:

First: That we express our profound regret in the fact that we lose John H. Kerr as our Judge, but we congratulate the Second Congressional District and the State in having his eminent services as a member of Congress of the United States.

Second: That we wish him God speed in his new field of service and say by these resolutions that we deeply appreciate his great service to the people in his many years of unselfish service as Solicitor and Judge of this District.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Court and copies sent to the Hertford Herald and Hertford Observer and the Raleigh News and Observer for publication.

The following names were signed to the above resolutions:

Court officers of Hertford County: B. Scull, Sheriff; D. R. McGlohon, Clerk of Superior Court; J. A. Northcott, Register of Deeds.

Members of Hertford County bar: R. C. Bridger, Jno. E. Vann, W. D. Boone, Lloyd J. Lawrence, Thad A. Eure, W. R. Johnson, W. W. Rogers, Stanley Winborne, C. W. Jones, D. C. Barnes.

## LAWRENCE-BOSTICK

Mrs. A. C. Lawrence, 2906 4th Ar. H. P. Richmond, Va., announces the marriage of her daughter, Nell Darden to Rev. Edward May Bostick, Jr., of South Carolina.

The marriage took place in Shanghai, China, September 21st. Rev. C. W. Wisenbunt officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Bostick will make their home in Soochow, China where Mr. Bostick will teach in the Yates Academy.

### Fair Sized Crowd Attend Event Sponsored By Business In- terests of Ahoskie on Wednesday

## MENU WAS SERVED IN THREE COURSES

### Judge Winston and Congress- man Ward Delight Attend- ants With Speeches

Despite the pepery rainfall and the accompanying raw and cooler atmosphere, Ahoskie's twice advertised barbecue and speaking for tobacco farmers took its place in history Wednesday afternoon about half past three o'clock, when Congressman Hallett S. Ward wound up his hour talk on reducing the high cost of living through improvement of the marketing of farm produce.

Rain had already interfered with the plans to hold the barbecue Wednesday of last week, and if anything the brand of weather this week was even more disagreeable, but the twelve barbecued pigs could not be denied, nor could the appetites of those who had been lying in wait for so long be further appeased except by being fed. The four or five hundred persons who gathered about the tables Wednesday afternoon had no excuse for leaving until their stomachs, eyes, and appetites were satisfied. There was aplenty and then some, the left-over being sold privately after the barbecue.

The rain was too heavy by ten o'clock in the morning to permit of an outdoor affair. The pigs, tables, and all accessories were transferred to the Iron Warehouse, where the barbecue was served and the speaking done.

## Strickland Takes Charge

V. D. Strickland, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was the first to start the ball rolling, by mounting the cart body hastily erected as speaker's platform, and extending a welcome to farmers present, winding up with the presentation of Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, the first of the three-course dinner; the other being barbecue, and the dessert by Congressman Hallett S. Ward.

Judge Winston's Visions of Ahoskie Judge Winston did not keep the crowds away from the barbecue for many minutes, for, he said, "my stomach won't let my mouth talk." He complimented Ahoskie on its progressiveness, and made one of the best "booster talks" Ahoskie has had for some time. He spoke as follows:

"The inspired writers speak of old men dreaming dreams, and of young men seeing visions. I have not yet reached the age for dreams. I am still with the boys and see visions. I have a vision of Ahoskie and I see my ideal of it clear, real, and within reach.

It is of a united citizenship; united for God and the community; no factions, no bickerings, no laggards, no one standing in the way, every man, woman and child in the town proud to live here and determined to make Ahoskie foremost in every good work and 'a pleasant land in which to dwell'."

I see churches raising their spires heavenward, and hear the sound of the church-going bell break the still of the Sabbath morn in an atmosphere of faith in God and love for fellow-man. I see perfectly equipped school for training for future citizenship and usefulness thousands of typical North Carolina boys and girls; the future hope of our State and Nation. Somewhere within her limits is a magnificent hospital, equipped to the minutest detail, where sickness and disease will surrender to skill and science and tender nursing. Your citizens are riding on paved streets and walking paved sidewalks. Your merchants in variety and quality of goods equal those in any land and the rule and guide of every business man is to be 36 inches to the yard, and 16 ounces to the pound, and such reasonable profits as will support owners and clerks in reasonable comfort. The hum of machinery is heard on every hand and

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