

## BAND WILL PLAY WHILE AUCTIONEER SELLS LAND

### Methodist Main Street Prop- erty Divided By Real Estate Auction Company

Real estate will be sold while the band plays. Ahooskie is to again witness the scenes and take an active part in the things that made history around these parts in 1918, 1919, and part of that fateful year 1920. An auction sale of Ahooskie dirt will take place here Friday, and one of the auction companies that helped to make local history back in "The Good Old Days" will be doing the trick.

Six choice business lots on West Main street, now belonging to the Ahooskie Methodist church, will go under the hammer. The size of the plots are 25 feet front, with a depth of 80 feet. This is all of the church's Main street property, and includes the corner lot on which the present church house is located. Later another lot, upon which the parsonage will be moved, will be sold on the cross street directly in front of Horton's shop.

From the proceeds of this land, together with the money realized from the sale of the parsonage and additional lot, the old church house, and the money already on hand and credited to the church building fund, the Ahooskie Methodists will erect for themselves a handsome new church building, and a brand new home for their leader.

Plans have been in the making for four years looking to the improvement of this property, and the erection of a better church. The deflation of 1920 had all to do with the carrying out of the program. In the meantime, the ladies of the church have not tarried with their plans to raise the building fund. They have played merchant for many Saturdays and special days here, selling old clothes, and other second-hand articles to help the cause. Other affairs have likewise been held for the purpose of producing the cash necessary to make the needed improvement in their church's property.

Under the plan advanced, the new church will be built on the lot on which the parsonage now stands, the new pastor's home to be built on the lot adjoining, next to Lloyd Mitchell's residence.

The erection of the church and parsonage will relieve the situation as it affects Ahooskie's churches, neither of which has a building in keeping with the material progress of the town.

## WEATHER PLAYS PART IN CLOSING COUNTY FAIR

### Cold Wind Causes Abandon- ment of Races on Saturday; Otherwise a Success

Breaking attendance records at the Hertford County Fair last week was stopped only by the unfavorable weather, which caused postponement for a day and then cut off all chances of a large Saturday crowd. Rain interfered Tuesday, and Wednesday was the first real day, the officials moving the closing day up through Saturday. The cold biting winds of Friday threw another wrench into the plans, and the fair came to a close.

Narder's majestic shows, which had charge of the amusement end, remained over Saturday, but the racing program was called off. Wednesday and Thursday were big days in attendance, but the cold weather made Friday's gate receipts dwindle considerably. In the absence of official figures, the financial success of the sixth annual fair can be measured only in approximate figures, the opinion being that it might have broken even but failed to make any surplus money.

All of the races were exceptionally good, some fast horses being entered and competition strong. Although suffering slightly from the failure of all exhibits to arrive over the bad roads, the fair did not lack in interest for the lover of farm, home, and school exhibits. Harrellsville was the easy leader in exhibits.

Night attendance was the one redemption for the treasury. Both Wednesday and Thursday night's crowds were larger than those of former fairs. The fireworks display brought a large number, while the midway shows also played a large part in making the night entertainment good attendance pullers.

## Building And Loan Offering New Stock

### Directors Extend Initial Pay- ment Until December 1 And Renew Campaign

Having failed to pursue a strenuous campaign for subscriptions to the second series stock of the local building and loan association, with a consequent lack of interest, the directors of the association have extended the stock subscription campaign through November, making the first payments due December 1st. The same committee to secure subscriptions has been continued. They are Dr. L. K. Walker, R. H. Jernigan, and J. Roy Parker.

Secretary O. W. Hale, and the other directors, Dr. A. W. Greene, Jas. I. Crawford, Rev. E. J. Isenhower, V. D. Strickland, S. M. Applebaum, W. A. Thomas, W. L. Curtis and Geo. J. Newbern, are also taking subscriptions to the second series stock.

Another loan of \$3,500 was made by the directors at their meeting, and a second application for loan was approved and passed on to the association's attorney for examination of the title. Two brick structures, one a residence and the other a business house, have grown out of the association funds from the first series, which was opened last May. Payments upon the first of each month have been steady and withdrawals have been of no moment.

On account of the demands that are being made upon the association for loans and the further fact that several holders of stock are planning now to build in the spring and summer of 1924, it has become a necessity that further stock be issued and sold. The monthly income must be increased in order to make the association the home builder it should be; and there must be more stock sold in order that it may function satisfactorily.

It is the purpose of the directors to make it a hundred percent subscription here in Ahooskie, although loans and stocks are not confined to this town alone, subscribers from the rural districts and other county towns being invited to come in and share in the home building program. The directors want every person, young and old, to become a stockholder in the association; and they are not at all particular about the number of shares to the person, the principal objective being to get everybody interested in the development of the association.

Payments are due on the first day of each month, in amounts ranging from \$1 and up, according to the shares subscribed. It not only provides a building fund for home building, but it is an excellent means of laying up savings that draw good dividends.

There are more than 500 shares already subscribed in the association's first series, and it is the hope of the directors that an amount equalling that will be taken in the second series. Any of the directors will be glad to furnish information about the workings of the association.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SESSION MONDAY

Routine business was despatched by the county school board at Winton last Monday. Two sessions, morning and afternoon, were held, all members and Superintendent N. W. Britton being present. Two or three committees from schools in the county were heard.

In pursuance of the State School Law, the board voted to appropriate \$50.00 for the Murfreesboro High School library. The people of that town have already raised that amount for the same purpose. An appropriation of \$1,000 was also made for the purpose of helping install desks and equipment for the Murfreesboro school.

## KEEPER BROWN WILL BE HOST THURSDAY

M. M. Brown, keeper of the County Home, will have guests next Thursday for dinner. The six commissioners who run the home and the other business of the county will meet with Mr. Brown on that date. They will inspect the home, and fulfill their duty in caring for the needy of the county.

A spread will be prepared for the visitors by Mr. Brown and his associates, and the commissioners will get a taste of what they are giving the unfortunates.



## BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM PETERSON BROWN IS TOLD HEREIN BY A LOCAL HISTORIAN

### Hon. W. R. Johnson Prepares Interesting Article on Former Hertford County Man Who Went to Arkansas to Settle— Bear State Man Also Writes Interestingly of the Stirring Days in The Early History of His Adopted State

Out of the correspondence which has found its way into the columns of the HERALD lately, from the pens of the virile "Old Farmer", and Messrs. John A. Parker of Ahooskie and W. P. Brown, of Wynn, Arkansas, has grown an interesting biography of Friend Brown, which is published in the columns below. Mr. W. R. Johnson, of Ahooskie, a lover of history and himself a writer of no mean ability, has prepared this article for the HERALD, upon the request of the publishers, who have also been fortunate in securing a photo of Mr. Brown, in the old days before he left his native county.

Without the knowledge of Mr. Brown, this newspaper is using the biography and picture this week. Fortunately for the newspaper, our Arkansas brother got the writing bug in his system at the same time we were having his life history prepared. In a parallel column, there also appears an interesting article written by Mr. Brown himself, and which tells of the early history of the Bear State. We have delayed its publication one week, in order to give it a place alongside that of Mr. Johnson. The articles follow:

#### Pioneer Days in Arkansas Editor Hertford County Herald:

As Mr. Parker and Old Farmer are writing of the old times. If you will give a little space in your paper, I will tell your readers of the pioneer days of the Arkansas Bear.

I came to Arkansas in 1861. There was only one short line railroad in the State and that was from Memphis, Tennessee to Little Rock, Ark. It ran from Memphis to Madison on the St. Francis river. The other end from Little Rock to Duvall's Bluff on the White river to middle was finished after the Civil War. I came to Madison, from there to Wittsburg by stage. Wittsburg was the head of navigation on the St. Francis river. These four counties hauled their produce and goods with ox teams, four or five yokes of oxen to a wagon, no rope on any of them, and I have seen trains of wagons a mile long. Friday was boat day as it made only one trip a week. When they got in and unloaded they would hurdle their oxen, would commence to drink whiskey and play cards and fight. There was no law against fighting or gambling and there was a bunch at Wittsburg who did not do anything else but fight and gamble. When they fought no one was allowed to part the fighters until one hollered he had enough. When they sat down to play cards they put their guns on the stable and if a crook got in the game they killed him. They played a gentleman's game and were always ready to help the weak and needy but had no use for any one not straight according to their standards.

On the farms in the spring of the year we had log rollings—roll logs all day and dance all night. I have had fifty for dinner and supper. We would sometimes roll logs every day for a week. Nearly everyone could play the fiddle.

There were not many schools then, the natives would use the plural for everything and everybody such as "We us" and "You uns" and the wife would speak of her husband as "he". There was plenty of game in the woods and everyone carried a gun and knife. There were no buggies and everyone rode horseback. But, they were happy days and everyone counted.

Say to Mr. Parker and Old Farmer to come on and let's swap a few yarns of our happy boyhood days. I could tell of some of my childhood days around dear old Colerain and at Lacy Hill bull pond and Eden House Fishery.

If this escapes the waste basket I may come again.

Your old Tar Heel friend,  
W. P. BROWN.

#### WILLIAM PETERSON BROWN Wynn, Cross County, Ark. (By W. R. JOHNSON)

After reading the letter of Mr. W. P. Brown in your issue of October 19th and then "Old Farmer's" paragraph of thanks to him in your issue of the 26th ult., I have felt that a few facts bearing directly on the life of Mr. Brown, who can't and don't want the tar rubbed off his heels, might be of interest to the readers of the Herald.

Of course Mr. Brown has naturally passed from the memory of our oldest people, because he left this section when a mere boy and amidst the most exciting times that this country has ever experienced, but in Cross County, Arkansas, the home of his adoption, he is known and appreciated.

But, let me begin at the beginning—his father was Dr. Thomas Brown who practiced his profession in Winton, Harrellsville and Colerain and lived at different times at all three places. In his day doctors were not thickly settled over the country and it was often the case that the doctor would come to see the patient the next day after receiving the call. It was a current expression, when a person had become so violently ill that he was regarded as being at death's door, "Put a boy on a horse and send him for the doctor." The horseback method of sending for the doctor was used because the rider was expected to make quick time and when a person living near the road saw a rider pass on horseback and the horse in a long gallop, the inquiry was made in the neighborhood, to ascertain whether someone had died as a person was seen to pass "like he was going for the doctor."

So while Dr. Brown lived in Winton, the subject of this sketch was born in January, 1846. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Speight and was educated at the Wesleyan Female College, (and am inclined to the opinion that she was born in Gates County.) When she died, she was buried near the Odd Fellows Hall in Colerain. So we find young William Peterson Brown growing up in Colerain, Bertie county and when he grew to be a larger boy, he attended the celebrated Harrellsville Academy under the management of Professor Frank Lyon, whose nephew, W. L. Lyon, Esq., is the efficient Clerk of the Superior Court of Bertie County, for the past forty years. Colerain was then a noted community for entertainment and social life among the young and no doubt young Brown off-times "tripped the light fantastic toe," to the music of the fiddle and

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## Charlotte Minister Dies At Hospital

### Baptist Minister Was First Stricken While in Meeting At Winton Church

Rev. William Alonza Smith, Baptist minister of Charlotte, died in a hospital of that city late last Thursday, following an operation to remove a cyst from the brain. It was while assisting Rev. R. B. Lineberry in a revival at his church in Winton that Mr. Smith was first stricken, about three weeks ago.

Immediately after concluding a sermon in the Winton Baptist church, Reverend Mr. Smith suffered a stroke of paralysis, and elapsed into unconsciousness. He was removed to Mr. Lineberry's home across the street and there attended by local physicians for more than a week. He improved slightly, although he never fully regained consciousness before being taken to Weldon to board the Seaboard train for his Charlotte home.

He underwent the operation successfully, regained consciousness and was thought by the hospital physicians to be on the road to recovery, when his condition suddenly grew worse and death soon followed.

Reverend Mr. Smith was a native of Durham county and graduated from Wake Forest College and Louisville Theological Seminary. He held a pastorate at West Durham and later at Lexington. For the last eleven years he had served the Pritchard Memorial Church at Charlotte and was regarded as one of the most popular and able ministers of that city. He was very active in the 75-Million Campaign, and took a leading part in the raising of funds and laying plans for the Baptist hospital at Charlotte and was president of the Association which fostered the hospital.

His wife, prior to her marriage Miss Mary S. Cheek, survives, as also do three sons: Brady Smith, of Charlotte; Grady Smith, completing a medical course at the Richmond, Va., medical school; and Wallace Smith, a student at the University of North Carolina.

Winton persons who heard the late Mr. Smith preach have spoken many words of praise for the great messages he delivered during the short time he was able to assist Reverend Lineberry. They have received the news of his death with great grief.

## BAPTIST PASTOR HAS OFFERED RESIGNATION

Rev. E. J. Isenhower, for two years pastor of the Ahooskie Baptist church, has tendered his resignation. His letter of resignation was read to the church people last Sunday morning, in a conference called immediately after the regular preaching hour.

Considerable discussion was precipitated after the letter was read by Dr. C. G. Powell, a member of the board of deacons. Reverend Mr. Isenhower did not insist on an immediate settlement of the question, offering to remain here until next June, or after the close of the school year. However, he left the question open for settlement by the church.

Final disposition of the resignation was not made Sunday, some members thinking probably he could be persuaded to retain his charge here. Mr. Isenhower is a strong and able preacher, and his work here has been of the same high order as he did as evangelist before accepting church work in Ahooskie.

## REV. S. T. BARBER IS IN WEST CONFERENCE

Rev. S. T. Barber who came to this charge last spring after Rev. M. F. Hodges removed to the Ashtaburgh charge, has been sent by the Western North Carolina Conference to Denton. Mr. Barber is a profound and logical preacher of the Gospel. He preached the doctrines of the old faith and his influence was uplifting. One thing can be said of him—and that is that he went from this town carrying the love and respect of all classes without reference to denomination.

The North Carolina Conference is in session at Elizabeth City this week and the Herald will be able to give the name of the preacher that will be sent to the Methodists of this charge for another year, in the next issue of the paper.

Sheraton invented the first roll-top desk.

## TOWN WILL HURRY ALONG CONSTRUCTION OF SWITCH

### Monday Night's Session Lasted Until Eleven O'Clock and Quit Prematurely

Early closing of the contract for right of way and construction of siding to the light and power plant was probably the most important decision reached at Monday night's session of the town council. H. S. Basnight was delegated to close the deal for the right of way with the Columbian Peanut Company, which charges \$1250 for the land. A contract has already been submitted by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for the siding, which aggregates \$1700.

The two new transmission lines to the power plant, from Powellville and Winton, will soon be ready for the current, and adjustments will have to be made at the plant, including expenditures for equipment. The plant is now being operated during the daytime with peanut hulls.

Consideration of bills, preparation of tax receipts, listening to requests of water and sewer lines, and the informal discussion of the paving proposition kept the council in session until 11 o'clock, and, then adjournment was taken against the vote of Councilman Basnight, who wanted to call an election to determine the voter's wishes on the paving of Main street.

J. Roy Parker asked for extension of water and sewer lines up Parker avenue. "Just as soon as we can get to it," was the answer. It will be the next extension made. Bill Brewer was on hand to ask for lights at his filling station. He got the lights. Two or three bridges were ordered rebuilt at once, including the one in front of C. H. Mitchell's home on Church street, and one across the State Highway for the use of school children at the end of Main street.

The council was also asked to fulfill a pledge made by the former commissioners to the Chamber of Commerce, and pay a bill of \$75 ordered paid a few months ago as a donation. Mayor Williams asked for time to read a recent Supreme Court decision before disposing of the question. It was tabled.

An hour was spent discussing the recent ordinance relative to connection with the town's sewer lines, and the paving of Main and Church streets.

## HEAVY TRAFFIC DEMANDS BRIDGE ACROSS CHOWAN

### Plans of State Highway Com- mission Have Not Been Of- ficially Announced

With 80 to 100 automobiles crossing the Chowan river at Winton every day in the week, a demand has become almost imperative for a better means of travel than the ferry now operated by the State Highway Commission. Motorists are greatly inconvenienced by the slow process of moving the cars across by the small ferry which is now pulled over by a gas boat.

The exact status of the proposed bridge to connect the Hertford and Gates section of the State highway is a matter unknown to persons locally. Whether the question of location of the draw has been settled is also unknown. Nothing officially has been given out since the public hearing was had at Winton.

It was heard at Winton on Monday that bids had already been asked for by the State Highway Commission and that a hearing would be given at Raleigh on the 28th of this month, but, if such is the case, no announcement has come from the office of the State Highway Commission.

The State Highway through this county and which connects with Gates County at Winton is becoming an important link in the good road system, and a bridge at Winton is badly needed to make it complete.

#### NOW IN TEXAS

Mrs. Fannie Leary left recently for La Feria, Texas, where she will spend the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. J. Lloyd Parker. Miss Helen Leary, her daughter, has been in Texas for some time.

#### WITH SICK FATHER

Mr. N. E. White, local Atlantic Coast Line agent, left Monday for Pollocksville, to attend his father who is very ill. Little hope for the recovery of his father is entertained.