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CHOWAN COLLEGE TRUSTEES WILL MEET AT EDENTON TO DECIDE ITS FUTURE HOME

DECISION IS POSTPONED

A Meeting Will Be Held in Edenton Within Thirty Days.

SEVERAL TOWNS OFFER BONUSES AND FREE SITE

Trustees in Meeting at Ahoskie on Wednesday Listen to flattering Offers from Greenville, Elizabeth City, Edenton and Ahoskie—Edenton Makes Highest Offer, with Ahoskie a Close Second—Do Not Want Second Grade College—Dr. B. W. Spillman Criticized.

The Chowan College trustees sat for five hours Wednesday and listened to the pleas of delegations representing Murfreesboro, Greenville, Elizabeth City, and Ahoskie, all asking that the college be located in those towns; and then unanimously voted, on motion of E. F. Aydlette of Elizabeth City, to defer the final decision for a period of thirty days. The same motion included the appointment of a committee of seven who are to visit each of the towns and look over the sites offered; then to report their findings to a full meeting of the Board to be held at Edenton. The following committee, composed of three men from each association together with the chairman of the Board, was appointed: J. H. Matthews, chairman, Paul Long, Noah W. Britton, C. W. Mitchell, E. F. Aydlette, D. E. Williams, and A. Sawyer.

When the trustees arrived in town on the morning train Wednesday they were met at the station by a long line of waiting automobiles and a delegation from Ahoskie, who immediately drove them to the Baptist church where the meeting was held. The entire student body of the Ahoskie High School was also on hand, carrying a large banner on which was inscribed "Chowan College for Ahoskie." Several yells were given by the students. After the last train arrived the trustees, who had been taken to the church entered into an open session with many local people in addition to many visitors, listened for almost five hours to the deliberations, which took on an aspect of a crowded court room, with a large body of lawyers plead their cases, the jury—trustees—sitting in solemn judgement. The ladies of the town served lunch to the trustees and visitors, who included the pastors from the West Chowan Association who were in conference here on the same day.

The meeting opened with Murfreesboro people holding the floor. Hon. D. C. Barnes, representing that town, made a brief speech, telling of what his people were going to do for the college if it remained in Murfreesboro, and suggesting that the principal trouble with the college was a lack of support and equipment, an idea that was later stressed by the Rev. Mr. Whitley of that town. The citizens offered free transportation to and from the railroads for the faculty and student body, and a bonus of \$15,000, which was later raised to \$22,500 by Hon. Stanley Winborne, who waxed somewhat facetious

in his remarks concerning Ahoskie in its efforts to secure the College, referring feelingly to the square near the depot, which in times past created a notable action in court, in which Mr. Winborne appeared as counsel for the losing side. Mr. T. E. Vann of Como and Dr. J. B. Brewer acting president of the College also made talks for Murfreesboro as the location.

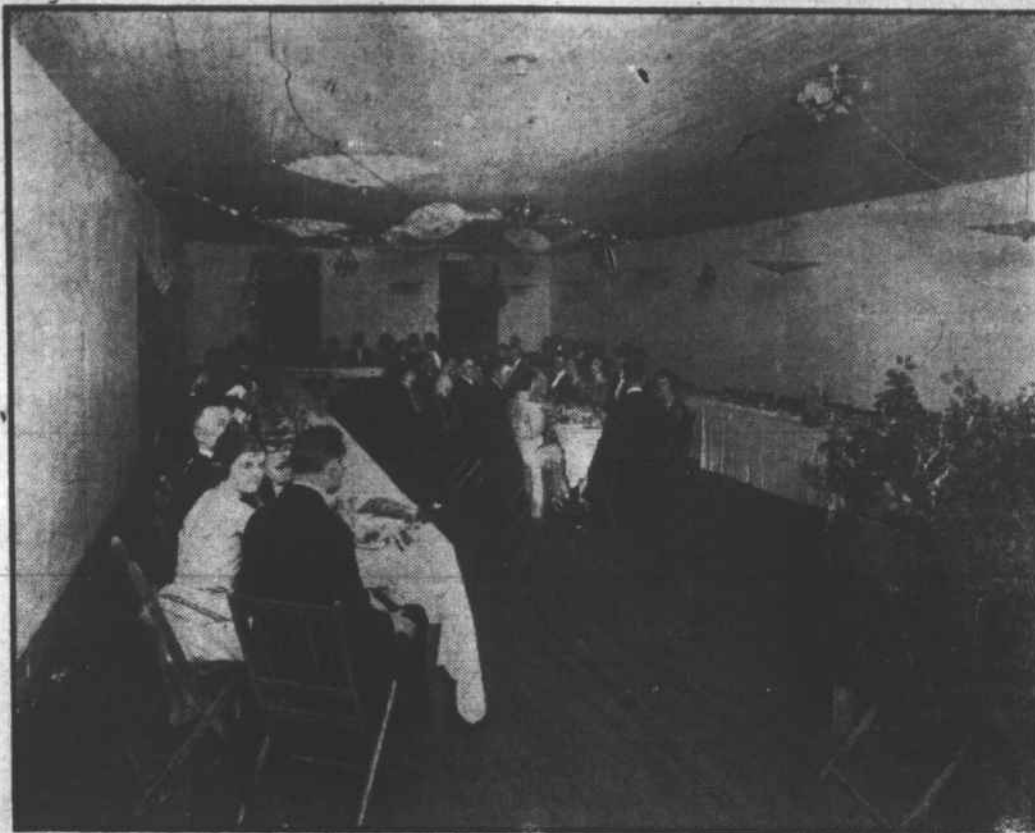
Ahoskie appeared next on the scene. Rev. Fred T. Collins followed Mayor W. L. Curtis, the latter having extended an invitation to the trustees to locate the College here. Rev. Mr. Collins exhibited a map showing the key location of Ahoskie, and showed it up, to the satisfaction of all, that Ahoskie was the "hub" of the section which Chowan College serves, and which its founders intended for it to serve. Dr. C. G. Powell followed him reading resolutions passed by the Baptist church and a letter written by Hon. Francis D. Winston. Having time called on him he gave as Ahoskie's bonus a subscription of \$75,000 and a free site of ten acres to be selected on the estate of J. R. Garrett who on Tuesday had generously donated the site.

Next came Greenville whose representatives extolled the peculiar atmosphere of that town, which was interpreted as being most favorable to the location of a girls' college. They also exhibited a map showing Greenville to be the central location of the eastern section of the State and appealed to the trustees to move the institution there. Much emphasis was also given to the health of that town and in the course of the remarks their representative stated that \$9,000 had just been appropriated to combat the mosquito in that city. Rev. M. Moore, of the Baptist Church of that city, read a letter written by Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Kinston, who ventured the opinion that Greenville was the logical location in which letter he advocated a junior college, which, he said, would probably receive \$250,000 from the Mission Board if moved to Greenville. Mr. E. E. Flanagan closed for that city, and after presenting various resolutions, offered \$30,000 and a free site of 15 acres as Greenville's donation.

Elizabeth City followed, with attorney Walter L. Cahoon leading the fight, who was preceded by Rev. E. K. Williams of Elizabeth City and attorney D. H. Tillett of Camden, Rev. Mr. Williams in light vein said he was sure, if the Lord had to be born over again, he would pick the city of Greenville as the place of his nativity, if the statements of the representatives from that place were to be taken literally. Attorney Tillett made a fine oration in behalf of the Shiloh Baptist Church, the oldest church in the State. Mr. Cahoon was sure that Elizabeth City was the geographical center and should receive the college because it could support better than the other towns asking for it. He also scored Dr. Spillman to whom he referred as "The Pope" who had sent forth an edict that the college should be removed to Greenville, if it would receive the good graces of the Mission Board. The audience was evidently with him in this for he was applauded liberally when he made that assertion. Mr. E. F. Aydlette of the Board of Trustees, also sitting in judgement, made a plea for Elizabeth City. That city offered free site of 20 acres as a bonus of \$50,000 in cash.

Edenton followed, Dr. E. J. Griffin leading who put the joke on Greenville by stating that Edenton had a few mosquitoes but none of the \$9,000 variety referred to by the delegation from that city. Mr. Wiggins followed him. Edenton offered a site of 40 acres and bonus of \$100,000.

At this juncture Mr. Aydlette retired from the church calling with him some of his advisers and friends, and upon his return made the motion that prevailed, namely that a committee be appointed and another meeting held in Edenton. Mr. C. W. Mitchell interposed objection, stating



The above is a picture of the Annual Old-New Year Banquet That is held in Ahoskie, the above being the Banquet given on December 31, 1919. The spread was laid in the rooms of the Tuscarora Club. There were seventy-two persons present.

PLANS UNDER WAY TO BUILD RAILROAD FROM FRANKLIN TO AHOSKIE

Meeting Was Held in Franklin, Va., Last Week Looking to the Development of the Plans Fostered by Murfreesboro People.

A meeting was held in Franklin, Va., last week between the representatives of that town and the representatives of Murfreesboro, Hertford County, regarding the proposed electric railway, to run from Franklin, Va., to Ahoskie, or Aulander, coming by way of Murfreesboro and touching points near Union and St. Johns in this County. The plans as first developed by J. A. Campbell, promoter, of Murfreesboro, were to have power furnished by the Meherrin river, and, in addition to the current necessary to operate the railway, to furnish electric current for commercial purposes. However, the views brought out at the meeting here referred to held to the idea that it would be hard to furnish sufficient hydro-electric power from a plant on the Meherrin River; and that the best plan would be to have a combination of electric and steam power.

Plans are underway, and some of the stock for the enterprise has been already subscribed. It is probable that a charter will soon be secured and further subscriptions taken.

Ahoskie people have not as yet been apprised of the real intentions of the promoters. However, Ahoskie is interested enough to want this town selected as the terminal of the railway, if the plans materialize. As a matter of wise forethought, it is the opinion locally that Ahoskie is the logical terminal. For, it would not only provide connection with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, but the Wellington and Powellsville Railroad running through Bertie County, will also serve as an important connection and add to the revenue of the new railway.

that the time specified (thirty days) was insufficient; but upon being put to vote the motion prevailed without a dissenting voice.

The following delegations were here from the various towns Wednesday: E. E. Flanagan, Vice-President Chamber of Commerce, Dr. C. O. H. Laughinghouse, Rev. W. H. Moore, Pastor Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. Walter Patten, pastor Jarvis Memorial M. E. Church, and Professor C. W. Wilson of the Training School, all of Greenville; Dr. G. W. Clarke, Rev. H. K. Williams, Mayor W. G. Gaither, Judge Geo. J. Spence, Supt. M. P. Jennings, Supt. S. L. Sheep, Editor

CONVENTION TO CONSIDER DRAINAGE TO MEET NEXT MONTH

Convention Will Be Held in Washington and Will Take up Important Matters—North Carolina Foremost in This Work.

The State of North Carolina is the pioneer of the southeastern States in the matter of drainage and reclamation of the swamp and overflowed areas. It was the first of these states to enact practical drainage laws which have stood the test of the higher courts in every detail. Virginia, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina have all enacted drainage laws similar to those of North Carolina.

During the war, drainage work in this and other southeastern states in general, due to the great diversion of capital to the purchase of government securities, scarcity of labor and machinery, etc., the past six months to a year, however, has witnessed a resumption of this work, and already many districts in the Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions are either in the process of organization, or the work of dredging is actually in progress.

With the enactment of the State law for the re-valuation of all real property in North Carolina, it is desirable than ever, from the standpoint of the individual citizen, that all his lands should be brought to the highest productive value, so as to yield a return commensurate with the taxable value. For this reason, the drainage and reclamation of these lands is of vital interest to a large body of our citizens.

The object of the reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands is three fold: (1) To increase the healthfulness in the section of country in which the swamps and overflowed lands exist; (2) to make a non-producing area productive, and thus add

W. O. Saunders, Secretary Chamber of Commerce L. D. Case, W. P. Duff, Attorney W. L. Cahoon, C. E. Dunstan, and Messrs. Jones and Twiford, and D. H. Tillett of Camden, representing Elizabeth City; Editor H. L. Storey, E. O. Warren, J. L. Wiggins, Frank Bond, G. W. Godwin, Thomas Cheers, Dr. E. J. Griffin, W. H. Clark R. P. Badham, W. H. Ward, W. A. Everett, X. E. Copeland Revs. E. Well and W. J. Berryman, of Edenton; D. C. Barnes, Stanley Winborne, Rev. J. W. Whitley, T. B. Wynn, J. B. Brewer, and Thad Vann, for Murfreesboro; Mayor Walter L. Curtis, Rev. F. T. Collins, Dr. C. G. Powell, E. J. Gerock and J. R. Garrett, representing Ahoskie.

MEETING OF FARMERS' WAREHOUSE STOCK- HOLDERS WEDNESDAY

Meeting Was More Largely Attended and Further Plans Developed for Enlarging Warehouse and Building Re-Drying Plant.

The stockholders of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse met again at this city, in the Woodmen Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, January 14. A larger attendance was on hand at this meeting and the plans for developing the warehouse here were gone into with more detail. It was definitely decided to raise more stock and to enlarge the present structure to double its present dimensions, making it one of the largest houses in eastern Carolina. Committees are now actively at work raising the necessary subscriptions with which to carry out the building program in time for the opening of the season for 1920.

It was also voted definitely to construct a re-drying plant, the cost of which will be estimated by contractors and a committee was appointed to consult a contractor in order to ascertain the needs of the market here and give the approximate cost of the plant. It is probable that the plant will cost about forty thousand dollars.

to the revenue of the State and the owner; (3) to facilitate intercourse between communities adjacent to the swamp areas by the constructing of roads, which always follows the drainage of any swamp area. In short, the big idea is to render these areas with their great potential value as agricultural lands, healthful and desirable from the standpoint of the resident or the settler.

It is to further the work of drainage that the North Carolina Drainage Association was organized in the year 1908. Preparations are now being made by this Association for a DRAINAGE CONVENTION to be held at Washington, North Carolina, February 25 and 26, and all citizens directly or indirectly interested in this form of conservation and development of one of the State's greatest natural resources are invited to attend and take part in the proceedings.

Florida is wide awake to the importance of drainage and has undertaken the Herculean task of draining the Everglades, an area of over four million acres in a body. North Carolina has no much immense similar project, but she does have over

BANK AHOSKIE WILL BUILD A NEW BUILDING

Stockholders Vote to Build A \$100,000 Building Right Away.

ARCHITECT NOW BEING CONSULTED FOR PLANS

Last Year Was the Best in the History of the Institution, A Dividend of 50.3 per cent, net Being Declared—Employees Given Bonus of 15 per cent on Year's Salary—Officers Elected.

The stockholders of the Bank of Ahoskie at their annual meeting here last Thursday unanimously agreed to construct a \$75,000 or \$100,000 new bank building, either on the present site or on some site selected by the building committee, which is composed of the following well known business men of Ahoskie: H. S. Basnight, L. S. Savage, J. R. Garrett, C. Greene, J. N. Vann, and J. O. Carter. An architect has already been consulted to draw the plans and make a tentative blue print; and just as soon as this can be completed the contract will be let for the early construction of the bank building, which will be completed during the current year.

The year 1919 was the best in the history of this local bank as was evidenced by the annual report of the cashier, J. O. Carter, who reported a dividend of 50.3 per cent, net. Of this amount 12 per cent was ordered paid to the individual stockholders and the remainder will be allowed to remain in the institution. A 15 per cent bonus on the total yearly salary of the employees of the bank was voted and presented to cashier J. O. Carter, and J. S. Crawford and Paul E. Dukes, assistant cashiers. The salaries of all three employees were also raised each \$50.00.

During the day of the meeting the stockholders partook of a sumptuous dinner served in the Manhattan Cafe, after which a smoker was enjoyed by the stockholders and employees.

The following officers were elected for the year 1920: C. C. Hoggard, President; H. S. Basnight, Vice-President; Dr. J. B. Ruffin, Vice-President; J. O. Carter, cashier, J. S. Crawford and P. E. Dukes, assistant cashiers.

The American Red Cross has now created a fund of \$75,000 out of which its home Service sections may make loans to disabled service men under the care of the Federal Board of Vocational Education when they need money because of delay in receiving from the government their first training pay checks.

a million acres of splendid land, that if properly drained, will yield untold wealth to our people and put our State first in agricultural values. This rich land in its present state is of practically no value and is a menace to our residents and a check to desirable immigrants. It will cost from \$15 to \$40 per acre to reclaim it. It will then be worth from \$100 to \$150 per acre. One year's crop will more than pay for the drainage and, from the standpoint of the health of the resident and settler, it will save doctor's bills and funeral expenses.