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## THE TOWN HAS BOUGHT THE LIGHT PLANT

Town of Ahoskie Has Purchased Electric Light Plant from Private Corporation.

## PLANT WILL BE ENLARGED TO GIVE DAY SERVICE

The Deal by Which the Town Becomes Owner of Local Plant Was Closed Last Week Day Current Begins on May 1, 1920—Both Light and Ice Plant Will be Enlarged.

The Town Council of Ahoskie last week closed a deal whereby the town of Ahoskie purchases the electric light plant here that has formerly been operated solely by the Edenton Ice and Cold Storage Company, of which Mr. E. R. Conger of Edenton is president. The town will take over the actual operation of the plant on April 1, 1920.

H. A. Yert, for several years an employee of the Edenton firm has been employed by the town of Ahoskie to serve them as electrical engineer, having entire charge of the light plant when the town takes over the interests of the foreign concern. Mr. Yert was away from town on Monday looking for additional equipment to be placed at the plant, which will be considerably enlarged between now and the time the town expects to begin operating it.

Beginning on May 1st this year an all day and night current will be furnished by the local plant. The contract with Mr. Conger calls for sufficient current to operate his ice plant here to be ready to be turned on May 1st. At the same time, the juice will be furnished by the plant to other local industries. Many local concerns welcome the news of the day current for Ahoskie and already several of them are making plans to eliminate other sources of power and be ready to do their work electrically when the current is switched on the first day of May, or probably sooner, if possible. Among them are the Columbia Peanut Company, Ahoskie Building and Supply Company, the Hertford Auto and Machine Co., and the Hertford County Herald. Of course, many others will also use the power furnished by the municipal plant, and the glad news is causing a widespread commendation of the Town Council, which has given to the Ahoskie people a modern necessity that private interests have failed to give.

In connection with the sale of the electric plant also comes the announcement that the ice plant, which has been run in connection with the light plant, and which is retained by Mr. Conger and his associates, will immediately be enlarged from a seven ton to a fifteen ton plant, making one of the largest single ice plants in this eastern section of the State. Work on the new addition will commence at once, and will be completed in time for the opening of the plant in the coming spring.

Bazaar and Box Social at Earleys.

Wednesday February 4th, 1920, the Missionary Society will hold a bazaar and box social at the school house for the benefit of Earleys Baptist Church. Everybody is invited to attend.

## CHOWAN COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN AHOSKIE WITHIN FEW DAYS

HAS VISITED ALL OTHER SITES

The Committee Will Meet in Raleigh Next Wednesday with the Educational Board of Baptist State Convention.

Hon. J. H. Matthews, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Chowan College, was in Ahoskie Wednesday of this week, and was interviewed by the Herald man regarding the progress that is being made towards settling the future location of the college. He stated that the committee of seven had already visited and inspected the sites at all of the towns bidding for the college, except the one at Ahoskie. The Greenville people, like the people of Edenton and Elizabeth City, gave the committee a royal entertainment, and showed them over the proposed free sites for the college. Greenville offered either one of three good sites but the site located just beyond the Training School was the tentative choice, said site consisting of twenty acres. Elizabeth City offered a choice of four sites; and Edenton offered the Town Commons, which, if selected as the home of college, will be decided by legislative enactment. At all three of the towns receptions were tendered the committee.

The committee of seven will meet in Raleigh probably next Wednesday in joint conference with the Educational Board of the State Baptist Convention, which recently made a physical survey of the college. The meeting will be held to discuss the future of the college and upon that conference, probably, the course of the trustees depends in their meeting which will be held later at Edenton.

The committee has not yet set a date to inspect Ahoskie's site. However, they will visit Ahoskie some time before the meeting at Edenton. It is apparent that E. F. Aydlette, an influential member of the Board, deems it unnecessary to visit Ahoskie, as, he says, the local surroundings are already well known to the committee. However, Chairman Matthews stated authoritatively that the committee would visit Ahoskie.

## A Key to Sweet Potato Varieties

The United States Department of Agriculture is working out a key by means of which varieties of sweet potatoes can be identified. There has always been a great deal of confusion regarding sweet potato varieties, and this key will make possible to positively identify all true varieties. It is based on the color, size and shape of the stems and leaves, and the color size and quantity of the potatoes themselves. That the key works is attested by the fact that by its use varieties described at the time Columbus discovered America have been identified.

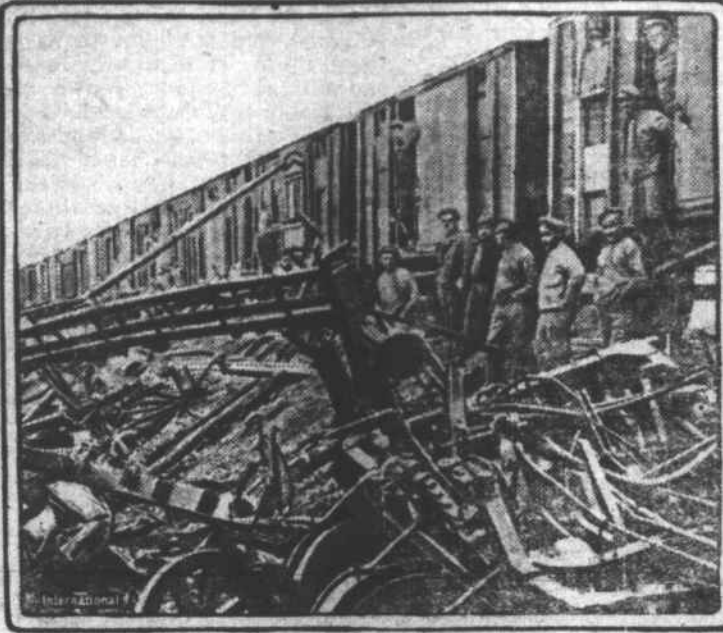
The development of varieties of the sweet potatoes for stock feed, sirup, starch and sugar making is under way and the preliminary results secured indicate that the possibilities of the sweet potato have been hardly touched upon. It is yet too soon to say just what may be expected from this work, but the results thus far secured are very promising. This work is being done at Arlington Farm, Va., and at the Pee Dee Experiment Farm Station, Florence, S. C.

Investigational work in curing the sweet potatoes has also brought out important results. It was shown that with proper handling in storage conditions, sweet potatoes can be carried through the winter and as late as on April 1 with not more than 1 per cent of loss from decay.

Watch the label on your paper.

Rub-My-Tism is a great pain killer. It relieves pains and soreness caused by Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, etc.—advertisement.

## ROLLING STOCK DESTROYED BY THE REDS



Rolling stock on the Trans-Siberian railway which was destroyed by bolsheviks. In many cases the wrecked cars were pushed from the track and rolled down into the nearest ditch so as to facilitate uninterrupted passage of other trains.

## CONDENSED INFORMATION

Cuba is the greatest consumer of raisins among Spanish-American nations.

To lessen the noise of water falling into a bathtub an inventor has patented an extension tube for faucets.

An English inventor's belt-driven automobile changes of speed are made by the belt from one set of gears to another.

The 66 books of the Bible were written by 40 men during a period of 1,000 years.

There are 782 varieties of arctic flowers which have but two colors, white and yellow.

What is said to be the smallest electric motor ferms a new dental tool holder and weighs but four ounces.

Electrically operated lifts for machinery have been invented that can be controlled from central switchboards.

## MURFREESBORO NEWS.

Miss Antonette Monston of Brooklyn New York, is the guest of Miss Maude Vinson.

Mr. Elliott Nicholson spent a few days in Norfolk last week.

Mr. G. D. Caroon of Statesville was in town last Thursday.

Miss Maude Vinson entertained a host of her friends Saturday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Antonette Monston.

Mr. Elliott Nicholson has purchased a new Studebaker Six.

Mr. J. A. Campbell made a business trip to Norfolk last Friday.

Dr. G. N. Harrell O. S. Parker, Aubrey Davis and Charlie Nelson spent the week end in Richmond.

Miss Grace Pearce who is teaching at Conway spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Ella Pearce.

Mr. B. H. Brown of Franklin was a caller in town last week end.

Mr. Colleen Sewell spent the week end in Norfolk.

Mr. L. J. Lawrence was in Milwaukee Wednesday on legal business.

Mr. Fred Joyner spent a few days in Norfolk last week.

Mrs. J. R. Byrd, who has been visiting her son, Alfred Byrd, has returned to her home in Franklin.

Mr. R. E. Storey of Winton was in town last week.

Mrs. R. B. Watson is on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. H. M. White is visiting her brother, Mr. Thomas Hill, at Franklin, Va.

On last Thursday the young and attractive daughter of Mr. James Vinson, Lillie, became the bride of Mr. Kellie Grant Parker. This fine young couple are well known here and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

## GOVERNORS ARE ASKED TO AID RECRUITING

Secretary Baker has addressed a letter to the governor of each state requesting his official co-operation in the nation-wide recruiting drive to be inaugurated by the war department and to be intensified during the week of February 22 to 29, which is to be made national enlistment week. The governors were asked to issue proclamations calling attention of their citizens to the importance of the advantages offered in the new "citizens army" and to otherwise assist in the effort to bring the army to the full authorized strength.

Army officials said today a minimum of 75,000 new enlistments would be required before March 31 in order that the best results be obtained from the training of the reorganized army.

Send your job printing to the Herald office.

## THE DISMAL SWAMP.

The Dismal Swamp, that mystery body of swamp and jungle that runs over the boundary line between Virginia and North Carolina, is the subject of a bulletin by the Geological Survey of the United States, and the story the bulletin tells is so interesting that the reader wonders that the states or the general government do not include the Dismal Swamp among the great park reservations of the country. This unique bit of nature's work is so convenient to travel, and so weird and interesting in its own way, and different from anything else that is offered the traveler and the vacation seeker, that it ought to be made accessible and convenient.

Much of the country of the swamp is yet the earth in the making. The peat formation is a part of the process of coal development now in active operation. The dry surface peat taken out and prepared could be used as fuel, although a better fuel results after nature in her patient process of years of transformation through heat and pressure has compacted the carbon of the accumulated vegetation and condensed the energy.

The forest life of the swamp is remarkably comprehensive as there the plants of the Northern and Southern areas meet. Many varieties of trees are grouped almost together. Animal life is also abundant, snakes and all. Lake Drummond, an open body of water in the swamp, many connecting canals, an occasional farm, and here and there high ground to vary the scene add to the novelty and interest.

The swamp should be added to the national playground scheme in some manner, and a lot more of the Carolina coast country could be included in such a project to the welfare of the people.—News and Observer.

## For Sheriff Hertford Count

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Hertford County, subject to the approaching primary. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to fill the office to the best of my ability.

C. R. ODOM, Ahoskie, N. C.  
January 29, 1920.

## Brother Johnson Takes Stab at Murfreesboro.

In last week's issue of the Charity and Children Editor Archibald Johnson took a fling at our good town Murfreesboro, by referring to it as a "dead town." Brother Johnson knoweth not what dangerous ground he treadeth. Editor Connor of the Roanoke-Chowan Times regrets that editor Johnson should have given the unkind cut. Be careful, br'er Johnson.

It pays to advertise!

## FORD AUTOMOBILE DEMOLISHED BY W. & P. ENGINE MONDAY

ACCIDENT WAS UNAVOIDABLE

E. S. Winbrow, Local Insurance Man Was Driving Car and Escaped Without Injury—Car Torn All to Smithereens.

A Ford car driven by Mr. E. S. Winbrow, a local insurance agent, was completely demolished by an engine of the Wellington and Powellsville Railroad at Ahoskie last Monday about twelve o'clock. The car was torn into pieces, part of it being dragged under the wheels of the tender of the engine, the engine itself being thrown off the rails.

Luckily, no one was injured, with the exception of a few bruises sustained by Mr. Winbrow. Mr. L. S. Savage, of the Branning Manufacturing Company, was at the throttle of the engine that hit the car. The engine was backing up on the "T" track, and running at a very low rate of speed when the accident occurred. The crossing was near the Barnes-Sawyer Grocery Company, this being a track parallel to the Coast Line railroad. The engine was pulling several box cars that were being taken to the transfer where the standard gauge truck was to be supplanted by the truck of the narrow gauge road.

The fact that the engine was backing at the time of the accident made it unavoidable upon the part of the engineer in charge, who was looking through the front of the cab. He did not see the Ford car and its occupant at all until the car was hit by the engine. The driver of the car stated that his engine partly choked as he was crossing the track which accounted for the accident.

## Report of the condition of the MERCHANTS & FARMERS BANK at Winton North Carolina, at the RESOURCES

close of business December 31, 1919.	
Loans and Discounts	\$193,035.71
Overdrafts unsecured	91.57
United States Bond and Liberty Bonds	4,200.00
Premium on Bonds	8.75
Banking houses furniture and fixtures	9,495.93
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust companies	148,709.51
Cash items held over 24 hrs.	1,620.35
Checks for clearing	2,700.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$359,862.06</b>
Capital Stock paid in	10,000.00
Surplus fund	33,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	4,107.49
Bills payable	100.00
Deposits subject to check	119,846.71
Time certificates of deposit	25,550.00
Savings deposit	115,640.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	2,826.18
Due to State Banks, Banks, and trust companies	48,752.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$359,862.06</b>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF HERTFORD, Winton, January 22nd, 1920.

I, J. P. Mitchell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. P. MITCHELL, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

W. L. Daniel,  
Jno. A. Shaw,  
W. P. Shaw, Jr.  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January, 1920.

P. S. Jordan, Notary Public.

Steel and Iron.  
Steel is a kind of iron which can be hammered out thin without cracking and can be made extremely hard by being heated and then cooled quickly. It is different from ordinary iron because of the amount of carbon in it. Wrought iron contains less carbon than steel and so it cannot be made as hard; cast iron contains more carbon than wrought iron.

## NEAR EAST DRIVE WILL BE WAGED

Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund Headed by Rev. B. M. Lackey.

## DRIVE BEGINS HERE ON FEBRUARY THE FIRST

Hertford County Will Be Asked to Adopt 33 Orphans Who Have Been Rendered Homeless and Are Today Facing Death—This Is Not a War Fund.

In response to the appeal for food and clothing and a chance to live, the people of Hertford County have been asked to adopt 33 homeless Armenian orphans who are today facing death in a land where hopeless natives know nothing but sorrow. Beginning Sunday, February 1, a campaign of relief will be waged in the county under the direction of B. M. Lackey as chairman of the drive. The campaign will run for three weeks.

It is not war fund that the people of this country are being asked to raise. It is only an act for humanity's sake. Nearly 300,000 naked, starving boys and girls are weeping and waiting for a chance to live. They are homeless and parentless. They are suffering because their parents were murdered and their comforts of home destroyed—yes, all because the Armenians would not discard their Christian faith for the faith of the cruel, barbarous Turks.

Under the leadership of the State Chairman George H. Bellamy, North Carolina will conduct its campaign for the adoption of 3,334 orphans in the Near East. \$60.00 will provide for one orphan for one year. Practically every county in the State has been systematically organized for the campaign and indications now point to a successful drive in every county. Some have already raised their quotas. Others are prepared to adopt all their orphans during the first week.

Hertford County, under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Lackey, is confidently expected to raise its quota and will become mother to 33 homeless and starving Armenian children.

Rev. Mr. Lackey is making preparations for the campaign which will be conducted by him from Winton, and is enthusiastic over the prospect of success before him in the undertaking.

## More Business Houses Needed Here.

Within the past five days two different concerns have made application to the secretary of the Ahoskie Chamber of Commerce for aid in finding a location in Ahoskie, in which to establish their businesses.

However, it was impossible for any assistant to be given, as there were no places available. Persons having business houses for rent would confer a favor upon themselves as well as the future growth of the town if they would list such opportunities with the Chamber of Commerce.

## NOTICE!

If you have any trouble with your eyes see Dr. Howard Smith at our store on Thursday, February 3rd, and have them properly fitted with glasses. All work guaranteed.

HERRING & BEALE, Winton, N. C.

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