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DEVELOPING THE PLANS FOR A RAILROAD

Ahoskie Will Probably Be the Terminus of New Railroad.

HAVE SECURED OPTION ON A POWER PLANT

Enthusiastic Meeting Was Held in Franklin, Va., Friday Night.

Franklin, Va., Feb. 1. —The second joint meeting of citizens of Franklin and Murfreesboro, North Carolina, held here last Friday night in the council chamber in the interest of the new railroad from Franklin to Ahoskie, via Murfreesboro, resulted in instructions to the committee on information, composed of ten of the prominent citizens of Murfreesboro and of Franklin, to continue their investigations on the subject and report at a later meeting, to be called by the chairman, and the unanimous adoption of resolutions offered by E. Frank Storey expressing Franklin's interest and confidence in the plans for the new road.

Postmaster Paul Scarborough of Franklin presided over the meeting and presented Stanley Winborne of Murfreesboro, who made the report of the committee of ten. Mr. Winborne stated that this committee was of the unanimous opinion that the road was a necessity to the development of the country through which it would pass and that the proposition was entirely feasible and promising in the matter of revenue for investors, the only question puzzling the committee at the time, before announcing plans for permanent organization, and soliciting stock subscriptions, being the question of power—whether electric or steam. He announced that the committee had gone so far as to get an option on the Emporia electric power plant, which can be bought under the terms of the option at \$250,000.

Mr. Winborne was followed by General C. C. Vaughan and Engineer Cann of the General Electric Company, who submitted figures as to comparative costs, the former quoting T. Norman Jones of the Virginia Railway and Power company, and the latter drawing from his wide experience as an electrical construction engineer.

The Murfreesboro delegation had secured the services of Ralph Rockford, construction engineer for the Seaboard railway, who gave the meeting an interesting discussion of construction costs and while, stating that the initial cost of getting the road ready for operation over the 40-mile stretch would approximate \$1,000,000 greatly impressed prospective investors with the feasibility of the project.

A delegation from Sedley, headed by Dr. R. L. Raiford, president of the Bank of Sedley, appeared before the meeting in the interest of getting the proposed road to have its northern terminus at Wakefield, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, thereby connecting with the Virginian railroad at Sedley and opening up direct connections with the Richmond and the west. The possibility of using the present roadbed of the Sussex, Surry and Southampton railroad from Sedley to Wakefield impressed the meeting and the proposed connections

FREE TRAVELING LIBRARIES ARE INCREASING IN THIS STATE

Many People Are Ignorant of the Work That is Being Carried on in 80 Counties in North Carolina.

The free traveling libraries sent out from Raleigh by the North Carolina Library Commission in January of this year showed an increase of over one hundred per cent over the number shipped in January, 1919. 80 counties are receiving this service reaching from Northampton to Richmond and from Dare to Jackson. Special collections have been arranged for industrial communities. This has been done in response to demands from welfare workers who urge that special attention be given the needs of mill people. The library commission now has 300 traveling libraries.

There is a marked increase in the number of requests reaching the Director, Miss Mary B. Palmer, not only for traveling and package libraries but for information on various subjects including current events and social problems.

There are such questions as world democracy, forest reservations, Mexico, Poe, Galsworthy, Magefield, high prices, Jews, Commerce with South America; Heroism, woman and religion, etc. One woman wrote for material on child training saying that her boy of three was inclined to be selfish and stubborn. This request was met from the special collection on child study. Recent requests for material have come from South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Immigration restriction, the inter-high school query leads among the debate subjects but material on varied questions is constantly in demand. The Commission has 50 package libraries on the restriction of immigration.

School Closed Account Flu and Rain

Acting upon the advice of local physicians the Ahoskie High School trustees closed the school here last Tuesday for the remainder of this week, and probably for a longer period if conditions remain as they are at present.

The weather has been very bad for the entire week, the roads being almost impassable and the sidewalks in town being unusually damp and muddy. One of the teachers and several of the school children are confined on account of sickness, some suffering with the influenza and other with ever colds that are liable to develop into the influenza. Miss Mildred Fleming is now confined to her room. There are several cases of influenza among the school children.

Many Want to Be Sheriff.

The third entry has been made in the race for nomination as sheriff of Hertford County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. They are W. S. Trader of Harrellsville, C. R. Odum of Ahoskie and W. E. Cullens of Harrellsville. According to available information, Mr. B. Scull, the present incumbent, will not seek renomination.

Candidates for other county offices have not yet made any announcements, but some will appear in this paper in a very short while.

would probably offer far better freight rates on shipments from the west to points on the new road.

Telegrams from the mayor of Ahoskie, N. C., assuring the financial backing of interests there were read by Mr. Lawrence, of Murfreesboro, who, in closing the proceedings until the temporary committee issues a further call, stated that the people of his section were determined to go their limit in making the road a reality and that every financial interest of Murfreesboro was back of the enterprise.—Monday's Virginian-Pilot.

TO BRING BACK OUR DEAD FROM FRANCE



Six officers and sixty civilian employees have gone to Europe in connection with the bringing back to the United States of the bodies of our soldiers killed in France. This photograph shows from left to right: Lieut. G. W. Wright of California; Capt. W. H. Robertson of South Dakota, in charge of the party, and Lieut. F. McIntosh of California.

SEVERAL PLUMBERS HAVE VISITED AHOSKIE LATELY

Several master plumbers of Norfolk have visited Ahoskie within the past week, and looked over the situation, relative to the establishment of businesses here, in anticipation of the work that will be done here when the water and sewer pipes are laid. They found the citizens of Ahoskie hesitating on the advisability of having their places plumbed until work had begun on the water and sewer systems. This is, of course, natural; but nevertheless, work will begin on these projects in a short while, and, according to statements made by the town authorities, work should be completed by August, 1920. Work will probably begin in February.

There has already been chartered at Ahoskie a plumbing corporation, with Mr. J. A. Eley, local Delco-Light dealer at the head of the project. Whether any of the prospective plumbers will locate here is problematical. Two were here Monday and two others conferred with local authorities on Tuesday.

Death of Lloyd L. Herring, Jan. 17th.

Aulander, Feb. 4.—Early Saturday morning on January 17, 1920, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herring of Aulander, North Carolina, and carried to that Happy Home above, their oldest son, Lloyd Lee Herring, aged 28. At the age of 13, he made a profession in Christ, uniting himself to the Aulander Baptist Church, later taking a letter to Roanoke, Va. We miss son and brother and grieve to give him up, but his true, christian life and triumphant death, enable us to mourn for him, not as those who have no hope.

During his illness he never complained; bore his sufferings patiently, and, the same sweet smile that beamed upon his countenance while living, was still upon his lips in death.

Lloyd leaves mourning for him a mother, father, four brothers and two sisters.

"I miss my brother every where, I miss his tender smile; Home seems not like home at all, It's dreamy all the while.

I can almost hear his footsteps Ascending up the stair, And, it seems I ought to see him But, no, he is not there.

His room looks, oh, so lonely, No one to make it bright, No smiles to make it cheerful—No Lloyd to make it light.

I hope to meet my brother Over on that other shore Where tears change into smiles, And, sorrow is no more."

His devoted Sister, EFFIE MAE HERRING, Aulander, N. C.

INFLUENZA HAS INVADDED AHOSKIE AND VICINITY

The influenza has reached Ahoskie in a more intensified form, about ten or dozen cases having been recorded as being within the town; and still a few others have it in the districts lying about Ahoskie. Like the disease at other places it is not as severe as it was last year, and none of the local sufferers have alarming cases.

Local physicians are not alarmed over the situation, and do not expect the disease to make such progress as it did twelve months ago. However, everybody is warned to observe all precautions, such as staying away from those who may be infected with the disease or may be the germ carriers.

Reception in Honor of Bridal Couple

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beasley of Colerain entertained on last Friday evening from 8:30 till 11, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beasley, who had just returned from their wedding trip. Their spacious and beautiful home was prettily decorated for the occasion with potted plants, cut evergreens and blooming plants.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. P. B. Lassiter, who wore a charming gown of brown tricolette and conducted to the drawing room. In the receiving line were Mrs. J. J. Beasley in blue mesaline, Mrs. Addie C. Williams in black silk, Mrs. Emily D. Seoney in a stylish black satin gown, Miss Eva DeFord who wore a dress of lavender satin and silver lace with slippers of silver, and Mrs. Clarence Beasley in an exquisite dress of robin's egg blue satin and cloth of gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Northcott, a recent bridal party, presided at the punch bowl, which was placed in the hall in a bower of white and green. Mrs. Northcott wore a dainty ruffled dress of white.

In the dining room the guests were served with delicious block cream and cake by Misses Mabel Morris and Kate Newsome and with mints by little Garnet Beasley.

They were then taken to the large living room where they registered in the guest book.

The large and handsome collection of wedding presents was displayed in the drawing room. Professor Kenneth Raynor and Miss Villa Montague furnished music for the occasion.

Among those present were: Mesdames W. E. White, Eva M. Holley, G. M. Holley, Fannie Raynor, Tucie A. Evans, S. D. Perry, C. L. Henry, C. A. Northcott, N. G. Phelps, R. B. Lineberry, M. C. Harrell, D. R. Britton, L. H. White, C. M. Callis, M. R. Montague, J. S. Deans, Misses Ernestine Wickings, Ethel Callis, Villa Hazel and Miriam Montague, Amanda Leary, Lillie and Willie Forehand, Kate Newsome and Mabel C. Morris, and Messrs. W. E. White, S. D. Per-

RAILROAD CROSSINGS WILL BE PROTECTED BY A FLAGMAN

Coast Line Authorities Say That Flagman to Be Stationed at Crossings in Ahoskie, According to A Recent Letter

The secretary of the chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a letter from the Atlantic Coast Line railroad stating that, apropos a conversation with the mayor of Ahoskie, trainmen shifting on the local yards are instructed to keep the flagman here on the crossings both at Main and Church streets, when the trains are shifting. According to the advices contained in the communication received, the train crews have already received instructions to observe this regulation, and should have been done by recent crews shifting here. The Coast Line offers the flagman as a substitute for erecting gates at the crossings.

Owing to the great amount of shifting that is done here, it is really doubtful if gates would offer the best solution to the menace. However, it is the opinion locally that the railroad should station a flagman at the crossings, whose sole duty it should be to warn the driving public of approaching trains. If such instructions have been issued train crews heretofore have not been observing the order, and almost every day some person's life is endangered by oncoming trains, flying shifts, the view being oftentimes completely cut off by freight cars standing on the pass tracks. The order in itself is not sufficient; and it is hoped that the town authorities will require the railroad people to station a flagman at these crossings and keep him there at all times.

NEW LIGHT RIVAL TO SUN

English Inventor Perfects Apparatus That Produces Rays Approximating Daylight.

London.—A light which far surpasses any existing arrangement of artificial light and is the closest approximation to actual daylight ever accomplished, is understood by the American Chamber of Commerce in London to have been perfected here.

The apparatus consists of a high-power electric light bulb, fitted with a cup-shaped opaque reflector, the silver inner side of which reflects the light against a parabol-shaped screen placed above the light. The screen is lined with small patches of different colors, arranged according to a formula worked out empirically by Mr. Sheringham, the inventor, and carefully tested and perfected in the Imperial college of science and technology.

The light thrown down from the screen is said to show colors almost as well as in full daylight. Under the new light delicate fellows were quite distinct. Indigo blues were blue, cobalts had their full value, and violets lost the reddish shade which they display in electric light.

The American chamber says a great future is expected for this invention in such cases as the lighting of show windows and art galleries, studio work of all kinds, dye works, tea and tobacco blending and many other industries. Color photography also will probably benefit.

ry, C. A. Northcott, Rev. R. B. Lineberry, M. C. Harrell, D. R. Britton, L. H. White, K. T. Raynor, J. W. Sessoms, J. T. Long, Stanley B. Sessoms, M. H. White, all of Colerain; Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Sharpe, Mrs. Addie C. Williams, and Louis Holloman of Harrellsville; Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Greene and Mrs. Hallie Baker of Ahoskie; Mrs. Emily D. Seoney of Newport News Va., Miss Eva DeFord of Denton, Md., and Mrs. P. B. Lassiter of Wilson.

It was a really beautiful social affair carried out with a careful attention to detail that ensures success. Mrs. Beasley is a charming and gracious hostess who knows how to make her guests feel at ease and gives a delightful air of informality to her entertainments which spells enjoyment for all present.—Reported.

666 has proven it will cure Malaria, Chills, and Fever, Bilious Fever, Colds and LaGrippe.—adv.

MANY HOUSES WILL BE BUILT THIS YEAR

Estimated \$300,000 in Buildings Will Be Built Here in 1920.

RESIDENCES AND BUSINESS HOUSES INCLUDED

Nineteen Residences Built Here Last Year—Average Cost was \$4,000.

According to local contractors there will be built in Ahoskie during the year 1920 approximately \$300,000 worth of new buildings, including both residences and business houses. The amount would no doubt be greatly augmented if the men and material with which to do the work would be secured. Possibly a little less than \$100,000 was expended here last year on new buildings, the two largest builders being the Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse Company and Claude Greene. It has been estimated, based upon good authority, that 19 residences at an average cost of \$4000 were built in town during the year 1919. It is not known exactly how many will be constructed in 1920, but several contracts have already been made. The residences that will be built during 1920, generally speaking, will reach a higher average cost than those built here last year.

Among those who have already contracted for residences to be built this year are J. O. Carter, \$7,000 home, and M. D. Gatling, \$10,000 brick residence, both of which will be constructed just as soon as the contractor can get on the job. Others who are expecting to build this year are G. W. Baker, S. P. Watson and D. P. Boyette. There are others who are not listed here.

Included in 1920's building program will also be several business structures, two of which are already under construction, and another which has just been completed, namely, the five business houses belonging to J. D. Sessoms, a brick market building belonging to W. E. Baker, both now under construction, and a corrugated iron building just completed by J. W. Powell, now occupied by the Hertford Auto & Machine Company.

Others who will build this year are: The Bank of Ahoskie, \$50,000 or \$75,000 bank building; the Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse, re-drying plant to cost \$50,000, the Hobbs Motor Company, corrugated iron garage building; J. R. Garrett, \$50,000 or more hotel building, pending; C. E. Reynolds, brick business structure; and Mrs. E. C. Britton, a modern business house, on the lot now used by the firm of Gatling and Odum.

There may be others yet who are not included in this program.

Special at Methodist Sunday School

There will a speaker furnished by the County chairman of the Armenian Drive, to make an address at the Ahoskie Methodist Church Sunday morning, immediately following the regular Sunday school.

All members of that Sunday School and all friends are urged to attend this speaking which will be interest of the drive in Hertford County to raise sufficient funds to adopt thirty-three of the orphans.

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