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E. F. AYDLETT, OF ELIZABETH CITY, WRITES LETTER TO EDITOR

TAKES EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE THAT DID NOT APPEAR.

Chowan College Trustees Was Misformed, Which Fact Is Clearly Pointed Out to Him in Letter Addressed to Him by Editor of This Paper.

The following correspondence between E. F. Aydlett of Elizabeth City and J. Roy Parker of Ahoskie will no doubt be of interest to many of our readers. The letters are published below:

Elizabeth City, N. C. Feb. 19, 1920.
Mr. J. R. Parker,
Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Parker:

The committee go to Ahoskie today to view the site of the Ahoskie people. I am very sorry that it is so that I cannot be present. I was unable to be present at either Greenville, Edenton or Elizabeth City. I was engaged in the courts away from home and could not attend either of the places with the committee. I am detained today at home on account of the special term of court in session here. Am trying to make arrangements to go to Edenton Friday, do not know, however, that I will be able to do that, but hope so.

I hear that you expressed in your paper that I thought that Ahoskie was too small a place to go to, to inspect the site. I regret very much that you saw proper to make this statement in the paper, because there is no foundation for it. I do not think that, and I have felt very kind towards Ahoskie, and I regret very much that you have made, through your paper, a statement that is calculated to put me in a wrong position with your people. I have, and do, feel kindly towards Ahoskie. I am frank to say, however, I believe that either Edenton or Elizabeth City is a better location for the college than Ahoskie, if it is to be moved.
Yours very truly,
E. F. AYDLETT.

The following reply was made to the above letter:

Ahoskie, N. C., March 2, 1920.
Mr. E. F. Aydlett,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Dear Mr. Aydlett:

Owing to my absence, I have been unable to make answer to your communication of the 19th inst., regarding a statement that you allege to have heard about and which, your letter states, appeared in the Hertford County Herald. Such a statement has never appeared in the HERALD; and I, too, regret that you have not taken pains to ascertain the truth before addressing the letter to me.

In the issue of January 30th, under the caption "CHOWAN COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN AHO SKIE WITHIN FEW DAYS", the following statement was made, and to which you probably refer, as at no other time has any other statement calculated to be twisted as you have quoted this appeared in the HERALD. The statement is this: "The committee has not yet set a date to inspect Ahoskie's site. However, they will visit Ahoskie some time before the meeting in Edenton. It is apparent that E. F. Aydlett, 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."

I published this after I had talked with Mr. J. H. Matthews, who told me that he doubted if he could get any of the committee living in the Chowan Association (possibly one) to come to Ahoskie. He also stated to me, in my office, that you had expressed yourself as thinking it unnecessary to visit Ahoskie, as you were familiar with the surroundings. I have no doubt Mr. Matthews recalls this conversation.

I, too, am sorry that you could not be here; but, from good information at hand, Ahoskie did not ex-

MR. JOHN A. PARKER FOR STOCK LAW FOR HERTFORD COUNTY IN 1920

Editor, Hertford County Herald: If you will allow me space in your paper, I would like to urge a Stock Law for Hertford County. As this is regular election year, let's vote on it at our fall election. Two years ago we had a referendum vote, and we carried half of the townships for a stock law. I feel like this is the most important issue we will have before the voters of the County this year. I would suggest that whoever the candidate for the House of Representatives be required to take a stand for or against the measure. I believe that the time is ripe for such a stand to be taken, and I believe the candidate can take the stand. We farmers really demand it. We are the ones who are feeding the world, and we need legislation to help us make more food for the people. And we will never be able to feed the people at a normal cost until there is more feed made.

Mr. Editor, I am not a pessimist. I try to look on the bright side of all things, but I tell you we will never get rid of hog cholera in our County until the farmers are forced by law to keep up their stock. I have practiced and urged my neighbors and the farmers to keep their stock up in pastures or pens for several years. I have not had a case of hog cholera in about ten years. I have kept my hogs off free range and I have never had them vaccinated but one time. I am not very much of an advocate of this, for nine out of ten farmers will wait till the cholera gets into their hogs before they have them vaccinated. Then to do it is too late to save the hogs. No doubt half of the pigs born in this County die annually every year, from a disease the farmers can prevent; and I do feel we are committing a crime against God and man to allow this loss and waste.

Instead of being a hog and meat buyer each year, I am a meat and hog seller every year and what I can do other farmers can do the same thing.

The argument the fellow on the other side will put up will be this: What will become of the poor tenant who owns no land? I will explain my way. I tell the tenant, "you help me keep up my pastures; I will put your stock in the pastures or I will furnish you all the land you want for pastures." By this the tenant saves his hogs and generally kills enough meat to run him. It is to his advantage, just as it is mine, to save his hogs.

I hope you will invite a discussion through your paper on this issue. I don't want any public office; am not a candidate for any, so I am not afraid to express myself freely on the subject. It is time for we farmers to wake up and demand some legislation on things that are of importance to our financial condition, and if we prosper every other business that is so dependent upon agriculture will prosper too. I hope this article will stir the voters and taxpayers of our county.

Very respectfully,
JOHN A. PARKER.

FUNERAL OF W. M. ECKLIN

Suffolk, March 2.—The funeral services of W. M. Ecklin, of Washington, N. C., were held yesterday afternoon at the residence of W. J. Mitchell, near Buckhorn, at 2:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin of Suffolk. Interment was made in the family cemetery. The active pallbearers were S. P. Eason, J. L. Rose, W. M. Mitchell, J. J. Mitchell, R. B. Mitchell and L. L. Butler. Honorary: W. J. Mitchell, E. B. Ecklin, W. S. Holland, A. H. Pierce, J. H. Ecklin and J. E. Babb.—Virginian-Pilot.

It is natural that you should think Elizabeth City or Edenton a better location, and it is no business of mine to attempt to dissuade you from that belief. However, I do want the record kept straight; hence this letter. I hope you will accept it in the spirit in which it is written, and correct yourself accordingly. Your letter and mine will appear in the HERALD this week.

With all good wishes for you, and the college which you represent, I am
Cordially yours,
J. ROY PARKER.

MEN LIKE THESE WOULD RULE YOU



TYPES OF COMMUNIST AGITATORS DEPORTED BY U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

ADOLPH SCHNABEL,
Leader of Union of Russian Workers, a powerful, anarchistic organization in America.
ALEXANDER SCHATZ,
Leader of Communist group in this Country.

JOHN DUBOFF,
Active organizer of Communist group in Elizabeth, N. J.
NICHOLAS MICHAÏLOV,
Violent agitator among anarchists in America.

MURFREESBORO NEWS.

Miss Marie Evans, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Howard Evans, has returned to Woodland to resume her work as teacher in the Woodland Graded School.

W. D. Boone of Winton was in town Monday and Tuesday on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chitty of Newport News, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John C. Chitty.

Miss Burbage, of Maryland has accepted a position with Miss Naomi T. Wiggins, as milliner.

Mr. W. E. Waters, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. White, has returned to her home in Portsmouth.

Mrs. Hopkins, of Castwell, was called to the bedside of her daughter, Pearl, of Chowan College, who has been suffering with influenza. We are glad to report that she is much improved.

Mr. John C. Chitty is in Williamston on legal business this week.

Mr. T. B. Wynns, who has been the guest of her father, Mr. T. E. Vann, of Como, returned last week.

Mr. J. C. Vinson is visiting relatives and friends in Norfolk.

Mr. Robert J. Britton of Winton has accepted position as assistant cashier of the Peoples Bank.

Misses Elsie Benthall, and Pauline Outland and Mr. Harry Vaughan of Woodland spent Sunday with Miss Nell Benthall of Chowan College.

Mr. Lloyd J. Lawrence is spending a few days in Currituck County on legal business.

Mr. Julius C. Spiers received a telegram last Saturday stating the death of his brother, Lewis Spiers, of Newport News. Mr. Spiers was shot and instantly killed by two negro men on Friday night, while on his way to the lodge meeting. Mr. Spiers was well known through this community and will be greatly missed here by his many friends.

Miss Neomia Deans is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Brett of Ahoskie.

Mrs. Ike Wiggins and children of Mapleton are visiting Mrs. C. T. Vaughan.

Rives-Shipp.

Mr. J. R. Rives of this city was married on Monday morning, March 1, at eleven o'clock, to Miss Novie Shipp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Shipp, of Enfield. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, and although was intended to be a quiet affair, was witnessed by a goodly number of relatives and admiring

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Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Phelps went to Norfolk last Tuesday to hear Billy Sunday.

Mr. W. H. Beasley went to Norfolk last Tuesday on a business trip.

Mr. Bennie Forbes of Ahoskie is in town last week.

The flu situation seems to be improving in our community. We have heard of no new cases recently.

Mesdames G. M. Holley and Dora Saunders went to Norfolk last week to hear Billy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson went to Harrellsville last Friday.

Miss Ruth Shaw Britton has returned to Chowan College to resume her work.

We are glad to report Mrs. Clay and Master Robert Lineberry are both convalescing having been victims of flu.

Mrs. Bettie Felton spent last week in Edenton with her daughter.

Misses Hazel and Villa Montague left Saturday to spend the week and in Norfolk.

Mesdames Deans and Henry left last Sunday for Baltimore to buy their spring and summer millinery. Mrs. Henry will be in the store of Mr. E. White.

Mr. L. D. Perry has gone north to buy his spring goods. He carries an up-to-date line of gents' furnishings.

Mrs. Emma Perry, who has been at the Hermitage for a number of years, left last week for Winton where she will make her home for a while.

Rev. R. B. Lineberry was called to the home of Mr. Vick Harrell on last Sunday, to conduct the funeral services of his little girl who passed away Saturday night.

Miss Amanda Leary went to Harrellsville Sunday, to see her sister Mrs. Evans.

Mr. Clarence Beasley spent last Sunday with his wife at Harrellsville. We are glad to report that she is much better of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Britton left Monday for Baltimore. Mr. Britton will purchase his spring and summer stock of goods.

friends of the contracting parties. The couple came immediately to Ahoskie, where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. Rives is a member of the firm of Bellamy & Rives, wholesalers of Ahoskie. Although he has been here only a few weeks, he has made many friends in that time, and they offer their felicitations for winning the popular Miss Shipp.

WHAT ONE LINE OF FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK HAS DONE FOR COUNTY IN 1919

(By E. W. Gaither, District Agent)

In 1918 a few farmers were persuaded to buy some Wannamaker's Cleveland Big Boll Cotton seed from a professional breeder at \$3.00 per bushel. These farmers grew their crop under the direction of the County Agent and had the cotton ginned under his direction and sold their seed to their neighbors at from \$2. to \$3. per bushel. Their lint yields were from 20 to 100 per cent more than from the varieties that they had been growing. The amount of disease in this variety was practically nothing.

There were seed enough grown by the crop of 1918 to plant about two thousand acres in the County during 1919. In the latter part of November a questionnaire was sent to the principal growers of this cotton asking for a report on the results they had gotten in 1919. Twenty seven replies were returned that gave all of the data asked for and this was summarized and the summary was as follows:

Number of farmers reporting: improved cotton 27, unimproved 27.

Number of acres reported: improved 142, unimproved 180.

Pounds seed cotton per acre: improved 1335, unimproved 872.

Pounds seed cotton per bale: improved 1286, unimproved 1394.

Pounds lint cotton per bale: improved 513, unimproved 503.

Pounds lint cotton per acre: improved 533, unimproved 317.

Per cent lint: improved 39.9, unimproved 26.8.

From this data it is seen that the improved cotton yielded 463 pounds more seed cotton and 215 pounds more lint cotton per acre than the other varieties grown in the County.

Now for the money return to the farmers who planted this cotton in 1919.

To take these figures we have 215 pounds lint cotton at 37 cents per lb will be \$79.55 per acre more for this and 2 bushels seed at \$2.50 per bushel will be \$25 more than these farmers got for their other cotton.

For safe and conservative results we assume that these figures are too high and base the final figures on 1500 acres and 75 per cent of the amounts reported by the farmers themselves. Beside this reduction in the estimate it is assumed that only one half of the seed were saved for planting seed to be sold as such.

This gives \$59.66 per acre increase for the lint and \$18.75 extra for the half of the seed that were sold for planting at \$2.50 per bushel, basing this on 1500 acres we have a total profit to the farmers over that received for cotton usually raised of \$117,615.00 for their 1919 crop. Their investment was 1500 bushels of seed at \$2.50 per bushel or \$3,750.

The demand for this variety of seed grown in Hertford County in 1919 has exceeded the supply by at least twenty thousand bushels. One farmer had to turn down orders for three solid loads at \$2.50 per bushel besides returning checks to the amount of \$285 and orders are still coming in. Another had to turn orders for 2000 bushels.

In one section there are a few seed unsold but there are plenty of orders on hand to take care of them if they who had them will let County Agent H. L. Miller know how many he has and how they were ginned.

In order that this work may be of the most benefit to the farmers of the County in 1920 it will be necessary that those in each neighborhood who want to sell their seed for planting next fall, form some kind of neighborhood organization and conform to certain simple rules in growing and ginning of the cotton in such a manner that Mr. Miller and the State Plant breeder and the State Plant Disease specialist can be sure that the seed are pure and fit for planting purposes.

If this is done and these rules are followed the grower will have little trouble in disposing of all his seed that are fit for planting.

Any farmer in the County who will plant his entire crop in this variety will be eligible to membership in the organization and receive instructions from these men at the same time keep his cotton up to the present standard of quality and yield.

Beside this, an attempt will be made to have all the cotton graded and sold direct to buyers who are in

1920 BUILDING PROGRAM MOVING ALONG AT A RAPID FIRE RATE NOW

CHANGES BEING MADE ON MAIN STREET THIS WEEK.

Three New Brick Structures Are Under Way on East Main Street—Wooden Houses Giving Way to Improved Structures—Residences Also Being Built.

Within the past two weeks two old wooden buildings, relics of the by-gone days, have been torn away, and in their places are being erected modern brick buildings. The wooden shack used as combination barber shop and pressing club for negroes next to the store of J. T. Williams & Bro., has been torn down and moved away, and this week workmen are busy tearing down the wooden structure just vacated by Gatling and Odum next to the Bank of Ahoskie. This is one of the oldest buildings in the town and the oldest business house. It was first located on Church Street but later moved to Main Street, where it has been in use for many years.

In place of the pressing shop, the foundation for a modern brick structure is being made and work will begin on the brick laying in a few days. This building is being constructed for C. E. Reynolds and will be used by him as a tailoring shop. The other site will be utilized to construct store for Mrs. E. C. Britton, who will conduct her ladies' ready-to-wear business there. The work on the market house next to Reynolds' building is also being pushed, since the weather has opened up.

The six stores of J. D. Sessoms' are nearing completion, as far as the bricklayers are concerned, and soon the finishing touches will be given to this large structure which covers an entire half-block on Main Street. Hobbs Bros Motor Company are making satisfactory progress on their new garage, located across the street from the Methodist Church and expect to occupy it within a short time. The larger building projects which include hotel, re-drying plant and tobacco warehouse and the city water and light plant, will soon be under construction.

Workmen have been so busy with the larger building program which includes the above mentioned brick stores, that the building program in the residence line has somewhat lagged. However, the home of F. L. Howard has just been completed, the Baptist parsonage is rapidly being made ready for occupancy and the home of N. E. Green is under construction, as well as the one begun by Tynes Newsome. A contractor from Portsmouth, Va., has recently taken up his abode here, and has under contract residences for W. H. Miller and S. P. Watson. The contracts for the homes of J. O. Carter and M. D. Gatling have already been let and now they await only workmen and material. Other prospective builders are merely waiting for somebody to do their work.

John Sessoms Retires from Business

John Sessoms, who, with his brother, Jim Sessoms, has conducted the Sessoms Bros' garage since the first of 1919, has disposed of his interest to W. T. Forbes, better known locally as Tommie Forbes. The former has accepted a position with an automobile sales house in Asheville, and left this week to take up his work in that city.

the market for large lots of even running staple of the same variety. In this way the farmers should get a better price for their lint.

Those who want to take advantage of this should send their names to Mr. H. L. Miller, County Agent, Winton, N. C., and arrange to form the clubs as early as possible so he can make his plans for the first lectures on cotton breeding and disease before planting time.

This county is on the map as a seed growing county and if the farmers will do their part and keep the standard up to the present mark there is no reason why they should not increase their cotton profits at least one million dollar per year.