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## STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERALD

—100 copper stills were destroyed in Raleigh last week. They represented the activities of the prohibition enforcement officers for the past several months.

—The sheriff of Craven County was threatened with violence through an anonymous letter last week. This is his second warning to let the moonshiners of the section alone. Threats were also made last week to dynamite the courthouse of Person County, at the occasion of a law and order meeting that was to be held in the courthouse.

—Unemployment in North Carolina is 17 per cent less this January than one year ago.

—The 86th anniversary of the two literary societies of Wake Forest College was celebrated at that institution last Friday.

—The value of the 1920 cotton crop was a hundred million dollars less than the 1919 crop, although the 1920 yield was one per cent greater than 1919.

—Approximately \$3,000,000 has been loaned North Carolina farmers by the Federal Farm Land Bank.

—The ladies of the town of Dunn are planning to make a park out of a square in that town, now used as a siding by the A. C. L. railway.

—By the narrow majority of 14, citizens of Davidson County last Friday voted to consolidate several rural schools.

—The traffic cop of the town of Kinston has established a record of 200 arrests without ever once losing a case of conviction.

—Attorney-General Manning of North Carolina has ruled that the General Assembly has a constitutional right to regulate prices to be charged by the restaurants and hotels of the State.

—David Puckee, an Indian, from Kansas, has been engaged as an umpire in the Piedmont baseball league for the 1921 season.

—The tobacco growers of Wake County held a meeting in Raleigh last week to discuss co-operative marketing, and the reduction of the 1921 acreage.

—William Davis, a negro of Wilson, was convicted of cruelty to his child last Friday, and sentenced to 3 years on the roads. His wife was also given eighteen months on the roads.

—Founders Day was observed at Meredith College last week. Appropriate exercises were held.

—Congressman John H. Small was in Raleigh last week, and it was rumored that he is looking forward to the office of congressman-at-large in North Carolina under the new apportionment measure to be passed by the U. S. Congress.

—Baseball practice has opened up Chapel Hill and every day now the battery candidates are working out.

—Progressive citizens of the town of Mebane held a meeting last week and went on record as favoring immediate paving of all the principal streets of the town.

—H. B. Futrelle has been identified as the leader of the mob that stormed the Wayne County jail last December and attempted to lynch five negroes imprisoned there. Four other members and Futrelle are being tried in Goldsboro this week for leading the mob.

—North Carolina Methodist schools will receive nearly two million and a half dollars from the fund to be raised for the Methodist educational institutions of the South.

—A long staple cotton market will be established at Dunn, and the farmers of that section are planning to produce crops of the long staple variety.

—The notable case of Mrs. Florence C. Varner, now of Salt Lake City, Utah, against her husband, H. B. Varner of Lexington, prominent pub-

lisher and moving picture man was begun in the Federal Court at the city of Greensboro Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Varner is suing her husband for an interest in his real estate holdings, and a yearly income of several thousand dollars. The suit is the outcome of a suit for divorce instituted by Mr. Varner, claiming that a relationship existed between his wife, and Baxter McCrary, a wealthy mulatto of Lexington. The case will consume several days.

—A movement was begun at the city of Rocky Mount Tuesday, at a meeting of agricultural workers, to make that city marketing headquarters for the sweet potato. E. W. Gaither, former farm demonstrator for Hertford County, was among the leaders in the meeting, and is aiding in the project.

### WITH THE N. C. LEGISLATURE

The tick eradication measure, the welfare measure, Highway Act, the 8 per cent interest bill, regulation of hotel and restaurant charges, movie censorship—these are among the principal matters occupying the attention of the General Assembly for the past week. Tick eradication, after being presumably killed for good and all, has been again revived and was set for special order Wednesday; the Welfare Commission will continue to do its work; and the eight per cent interest bill will be up before the committee Thursday. The House has also received the state-wide stock law bill from the committee with a favorable report. Representative Matthews of Bertie sought to kill it in the committee but failed to stop its onward march to final and sure passage in both houses.

Senator Burgwyn has succeeded in getting his tax exemption bill through which lowers the exemption to \$100. However, the Northampton Senator lost out in his fight to have the superintendent of schools in his county elected by popular vote.

Representative Barnes's new banking law was taken up in the House last Thursday and passed its first reading with little or no opposition. Mr. Barnes also introduced the Hertford County Highway Law last Friday. It will be up before the House committee on Public Roads Friday afternoon for disposition. The bill introduced by Mr. Barnes relative to carnivals showing in Hertford County has met with general favor and has been so amended as to take in every county in the State.

Mr. Winborne was one of the leaders in the Senate against state-wide tick eradication; as well as Representative Matthews in the House. Mr. Winborne believes the stock law will make the tick measure unnecessary.

Representative Barnes, according to news advices received Wednesday is leading the fight against the Highway Bill for the State system of public roads. He and Mr. Matthews of Bertie are among the few who have waged any fight against this act.

### Road Legislation Hearing Friday

The following letter has been received at the Herald office from Mr. D. C. Barnes, County representative: "I write to state that the proposed new road law drawn and forwarded to me for passage was introduced by me and has been referred to the Committee on Public Roads. The committee will meet Friday afternoon to hear those favoring and those opposed to the passage of the law. You will, therefore, take notice of this meeting and make your views known to this committee at this meeting, if you desire to do so. Please give general notice."

### Artias Mitchell in Ahsokie

Mr. W. A. Mitchell, of Virginia, but formerly of Ahsokie, is in town to spend several weeks. He will be glad to receive subscriptions for the Virginia-Pilot or the Hertford County Herald and can offer an attractive clubbing rate. He is easily recognizable by his new crop of "hay" upon his upper lip, commonly referred to as a moustache.

## THE HERALD'S NEWS SERVICE

Beginning with this issue of the HERALD, we are mailing out several hundred "sample copies," to homes scattered throughout Hertford and Bertie counties. Our purpose in doing this is to add at least five hundred subscribers to our list, a list that has steadily grown during the five years the HERALD has been under the present management. The paper has never engaged in a contest, building up its present large circulation through what it hopes to be genuine news service. Our motto has been and is "A Paper Worth While," and our efforts will always be directed towards the achievement of making the HERALD the spokesman for the entire Roanoke-Chowan section of our State.

Recipients of sample copies of the HERALD are invited and urged to read its pages thoroly, and do this week after week. At the end of four weeks, if you think you can get one dollar's worth of news out of its pages during the balance of the year 1921, mail us your remittance for the Dollar, and the paper will go to your home for the rest of 1921.

Generally speaking, our news service covers, primarily, the local happenings in Hertford, Bertie and the adjoining counties—events that are happening right here in our midst, about which we try to tell you concisely and impartially. Hand in hand with the local service goes the main editorial topics of the paper, which are prepared and published with an end in view of offering suggestions, and constructive criticisms of matters pertaining to the welfare of the people we serve. The paper is not a party or factional organ, nor in any way politically controlled; its columns are open to all people, regardless of political affiliation. It recognizes no pets, and least of all does it want any. It seeks the friendship and the good will of all.

The HERALD also prepares a weekly digest of the most important happenings within the State; and while the General Assembly is in session, also publishes a summary of legislative enactments and proposals. With a wealth of news matter coming to us from all over the State, we are enabled to sift down and give the state news in a short and concise form to our many readers, among them some who do not read the daily newspapers; and, even if they do read the daily, they do not have the time to read it thoroly, which makes our "weekly digest" valuable to all alike.

We also try at all times to publish valuable farming news, which will be of interest to the farmers of this district. Farm and home demonstration work are weekly features of the HERALD, and specially prepared articles from time to time on live subjects—making the paper indispensable to the farmer. Likewise, every phase of life connected with the people of the section in which it circulates is reflected within its columns.

If you would keep up with what is going on here in your midst, and if you think it is worth the price of One Dollar, then you'll mail us your remittance upon the receipt of the first copy.

### WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS ABOUT COMPLETE

The water and sewer systems which have been under construction by the McCrary Company, of Atlanta, Ga., are in the final processes of completion, and a few more days will witness the winding up of the last detail in connection with their contract here in Ahsokie. The ditchers have completed their work and the mains have all been laid according to contract. The final touches are being given to the reservoir at the plant this week. Several private homes are being connected up to the mains and some are already enjoying the benefits of the projects. The city council has already fixed the water rates and will probably cause them to be published for the benefit of the prospective patrons.

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### ABOUT COUNTY ROADS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

A road meeting was held in Jackson last Monday, and we understand a resolution was adopted favoring doing away with the township system. We need a county board to deal and cooperate with the State and Federal governments in road building, but it is impracticable for a county board to take over all the roads in the county. This plan was once tried for several years in this county and was a perfect failure though we had some of the best men in the county to serve on the board. The State will only aid in building a few roads and it will be necessary for the local authorities to look after the others.—Roanoke-Chowan Times.

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### COUNTY AGENT SAYS REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE

REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE  
County Agent Advises Reduction in Cotton for the Year 1921

With a normal crop of cotton made this year (1921), it will sell for less than ten cents per pound, which should be below the cost of production even counting the reduction in labor, rent and fertilizer. Cut your cotton acreage in half, use only the best seed obtainable, fertilizer and cultivate well and you will realize greater profits than if you cultivate your old cropping system. What you do with the cotton land left idle? Plant it to corn with soybeans in the middle or with velvet beans, or plant to peanuts.

Raise more feedstuffs and less cotton and tobacco. Economical conditions are not going to adjust themselves to meet your farming operations, but you must adjust your farming to meet economical conditions. With pork at ten cents per pound and soybeans at from two to four dollars per bushel, these are going to be much better cash crops this year than cotton or tobacco. Raise more hogs, corn, beans and peanuts.

Cotton improperly stored when it can absorb moisture will damage even more in the next few weeks than any increase in price can make up for and if you are not going to store it properly where it won't be at all exposed, then you had better sell it now for what you can get for it. There is enough loss from damaged cotton each year due to ignorance and carelessness in handling it in storing it, to build a good sized storage warehouse in every county growing cotton in the South.

—H. L. MILLER.

### MUCH ACTIVITY SHOWN OVER PROPOSED ROAD LAW FOR THE COUNTY

Representative Barnes of Hertford County has introduced the proposed road law, approved by the four members of the county board of commissioners, and the bill has already passed its first reading in the lower house. Since the action of the commissioners became known, there has been a great deal of activity manifested by the opponents of the bill, who seem to outnumber the real advocates. A delegation has already visited Raleigh from Ahsokie and Harrellville townships, and have had conferences with both our Representative and with Senator Stanley Winborne. However the visit did not keep the bill from reaching the floor of the House, although it has passed only one reading there; and the Senate has not yet taken the measure up before the committee.

Letters are pouring into Raleigh from citizens all over the county, and it is more than probable that final action will be delayed until Mr. Barnes and Mr. Winborne have had ample time to survey the county, as it were in an effort to ascertain the wishes of the majority of the taxpayers. At present there is nothing further from the Legislature.

It seems that the people of the four townships, whose commissioners have recommended the legislation, are by no means solidly arrayed for the change. In fact, on every hand opposition is being manifested. There is a growing feeling that a change in systems will not remedy the bad road conditions. And, the tax features of the bill, which call for a general increase of the taxation rate and raising the annual road fee to six dollars in lieu of six days work, are not at all to the liking of the taxpayers.

Developments up to the present time would indicate a defeat of the new law, and the opposition to the change is daily growing all over the county.

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### NEW MEMBERS TO BE TO COUNTY WOMAN'S CLUBS

DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS  
Menola Club Has An Excellent Program, and Social Following

The first prize given for the best essay on bread was won by Miss Minnie Banks, of the Winton High School and appeared in last week's Herald; the second best was written by Miss Antoinette White of the Murfreesboro School, the first being a gift of five dollars from the Board of Education and the second a gift of two dollars, given by the General Chemical Company of New York City.

### February Drive for New Members

INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP of all Community Clubs is the program selected for the month of February. A prize is offered to the club that adds the largest number of names of both men and women to the present rolls. Committees are being selected by each club president to start this drive and in each club the number of each committee bringing in the largest number of names a present is waiting for her. Como Club has taken the initiative in this progressive step and twenty three names were added to the roll in two weeks time.

### Menola Club Gives a St. Patrick Day Program

On Wednesday, February 9th., the Menola Community Betterment Club had a most delightful meeting. After the business session was over, the President, Mrs. Emil Anderson, announced that the literary program was to begin by calling the roll and hearing a response to the same with Irish jokes, after which came a series of talks and papers read.

Mrs. J. F. Cowan—"Bits of Irish History."

Mrs. Oscar Snipes—Literature, Art and Music.

Solo—Mrs. C. W. Parker.

Reading, Irish Manufacture of Linnen, by Mrs. A. G. Otwell.

Life of St. Patrick, Miss Janis Parker.

Solo—Mrs. C. W. Parker.

The present condition of Ireland—Supt. A. G. Otwell.

This program was full of good thought and all present agreed that a literary treat prefaced the announcement of the course of Irish refreshments that soon followed. County Demonstration Agent was present with green jelly made from gelatine given her by the Knox Gelatine Co. The dessert was supplemented with a very bountiful supply of whipped cream and iced cake given by the good house wives of that community.

### SWARTHMORE CHAUTAUQU WILL OPEN HERE ON MAY 21ST.

Advices have been lately received here from the Swarthmore Chautauqua of Pennsylvania, announcing May 21 as the opening date for a five day program in Ahsokie. The chautauqua will be in Ahsokie six days, including Sunday, on which day a special religious service will be held. On the other five days there will be given lectures, music, readings, and, on the final night a play will be given by an all star cast. The exact program for the 1921 season has not been announced; but the Swarthmore people are known to be among the best on the circuit, and will surely give a five day program of events that will delight, entertain, and instruct.

The local guarantors are hoping for a large distribution of the season tickets, they depending solely upon the successful sale of season tickets, previous to the opening date. The guarantors are in "heads I win, tails you lose" proposition. They cannot win, but, unless the sale of season tickets before the arrival of the chautauqua have met the guarantee, they lose. Hence, the moral—Dispose of the season tickets.