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COTTON DELEGATES WILL BE ELECTED

DELEGATES FOR MEETING

Cotton Growers of County Who Have Joined Marketing Association Will Meet to Elect Delegate—Tobacco Sign-Up Campaign Has Been Extended Until February 2nd.

Cotton growers of Hertford County are to meet in the county court house, at Winton, on Monday, January 16, to elect a delegate to the district convention of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association.

This county is in the first district and is entitled to elect one delegate to the district convention which will be held at Weldon on January 18, at half past ten in the morning.

County meetings of cotton growers are to be held in all the cotton counties on the same day, as the first step in selecting the ten directors who are to guide the cooperative marketing association through its first year. Delegates elected from several counties are to gather in district conventions and name two men as candidates for directors from each district. Following the district meetings ballots will be printed and then mailed to each member of the association who will record his choice for the director either in person or by mail at the district headquarters the 31st of January.

Allotment of county delegates, one for each 1,000 bales signed up for cooperative marketing, was fixed in accordance with signed contracts at Raleigh headquarters on January 1, 1922, and will not be changed but new members will be allowed to vote at the county meetings on January 16th.

Tobacco Campaign Continued

The campaigns for members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association is to be continued until February 2 when the board of directors assume control, according to a decision of the tri-state organization committee made at its recent Raleigh meeting.

The decision to continue the campaign was made in view of the pressure brought on the organization committee from the sections of the counties where growers had not yet had an opportunity to sign up the tobacco marketing contracts.

Reports from Virginia, N. Carolina and South Carolina show an overwhelming majority of tobacco growers in the three states have already joined the tobacco association, that is now declared to be the biggest organization in the United States, exceeding by many millions of pounds the amount of tobacco to be handled by the Kentucky burley growers association.

New members are to be allowed to vote in the election of officers and directors but their contracts do not count in determining the districts which have already been fixed for the year.

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ROAD ASSOCIATION WILL NOT CEASE

NEED GOOD ROADS ASS'N.

Although Money Has Been Provided for Road Construction Work of the Association Not Yet Over—Should Offer Aid to Counties in Financing and Planning Roads

It is believed that the North Carolina Good Roads Association should work toward the following ends:

1. Continue propaganda work to insure adequate funds for the maintenance of the State highway system. There is a great danger that as more of the bonds are sold and interest charges increase, there will be a tendency to lop off the State maintenance funds beyond the point of adequacy.

2. Undertake a campaign for a constitutional amendment releasing the State's taxing power to incur debts, thus insuring the sale of all our bonds at the lowest possible interest rates and on the best possible terms. The present constitutional provision permitting a levy of only five percent on property for State purposes greatly limits the State's credit. It is quite likely that her credit will be exhausted when twenty-five million dollars worth of the bonds have been sold unless a constitutional amendment is also made. The constitution of only one other State besides N. Carolina limits the state's power to tax property for the payment of her debts if necessary. The limit is rather placed on an amount of debt which can be incurred and this limit should be flexible.

3. The Association should continue to assist counties in bond campaigns for roads, in the organization of road forces and in working out more effective administration of road funds.

4. Act as an intermediary between the State Highway Commission and the public. In carrying out an understanding so vast as the construction and maintenance of 6,100 miles of State Highways in one hundred counties of such varying physical conditions, density of the population, etc., much dissatisfaction and misunderstanding will of necessity arise on the part of an impatient public. Some counties, because of the location, sparse population and smaller area will get less mileage than others. This will naturally lead to sectional jealousies and arouse criticism on the part of the people of the less favored counties. Another legislature will likely face a demand for more mileage for certain counties. This would be fatal unless additional maintenance funds were provided. The State Highway Commission has to do its work with human beings, some of whom may not always be efficient, some may not be tactful in dealing with the public. County officials are sometimes suspicious and critical; contractors are not always kind and helpful in their criticisms of the Commission. In other words we are attempting a great public project which will require patience, faith, and a measure of charity and goodwill if our State Highway Commission is going to be able

to do the best possible work. Because of these many factors and conditions, some of which arise from just plain human selfishness and small vision, some organization not connected at all with the State Highway Commission in any way will be needed to investigate many situations, collect the facts and also straighten out the tangles; it should be in a position to criticize the Commission in a constructive way, when criticism is warranted, and to show the people of a county or community wherein they have been

NO APPOINTMENT OF POSTMASTER AT AHOSKIE HAS BEEN MADE

Although Two Examinations Have Been Held, No One Has Been Given Permanent Appointment, While Many Other Postmasters Are Being Named in State

The following article appeared in the Washington letter of the News & Observer Wednesday:

"At last there is a report on the eligible list for postmaster at Ahoskie. First on the list is the present postmaster, Arthur T. Willoughby, a Democrat; next is James O. Carter, a Republican, and third is B. E. Copeland, understood here to be a Republican. Under the orders that will in all probability be issued by Republican national committeeman Morehead, the outlook for Democratic postmaster Willoughby, first on the list landing the job is not bright.

Although patrons of the local office are not worrying over the peculiar situation, it is nevertheless mystifying why no appointment of a postmaster has been made here. Two examinations have been held, and still there remains a vacancy. In the meantime, Mr. A. T. Willoughby is serving satisfactorily as acting postmaster, under a temporary appointment, since L. T. Sumner gave up the office as the appointee of President Wilson, which has been more than a year ago.

It is reported that the first examination held last spring failed to produce but one successful applicant, necessitating the second examination. The last examination was held in October, but no marks have been given out, and nothing is known of the relative standing of the applicants. In the meantime, while Congress is approving many of Harding's appointees, nothing is heard about the local office. Inquiry from disinterested parties have so far failed to elicit any information at all.

There were only four applicants to take the latter examination, namely, A. T. Willoughby, B. E. Copeland, J. O. Carter, and H. B. Chapin. It is well known, however, that I. Finley Snipes, former postmaster here and prominent among the Republicans of the County, is also seeking the appointment here, although he did not take the examination. It is supposed that the delay in appointment is a natural consequence of his efforts to secure the appointment by some other route than an examination.

It is solely a fight or friendly contest between the applicants themselves, as the patrons of the office are taking no part in it.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ROAD BONDS WILL BE DELIVERED THIS WEEK

Chairman and Clerk of Board of County Commissioners Are in Toledo, Where They Went to Deliver \$250,000 of The County Road Bonds

Mr. J. M. Eley, Chairman, and J. A. Northcott, Clerk, of the Hertford County Board of Commissioners, left Tuesday for Toledo, Ohio, where they will deliver a quarter million dollars worth of the county's road bonds, to Spitzer Rorick & Co., of that city, successful bidders for half of the total issue \$500,000.

The bonds were sold several weeks ago but had not been delivered, pending the outcome of correspondence between the purchasers and the county body, relative to the bond to be supplied by the Spitzer Rorick Company, as a guarantee for the faithful performance of the contract. The purchase price was par and accrued interest, but the conditions surrounding the sale, whereby the purchasers will pay for the bonds in installments, make the bonds net the county less than par value.

An additional sum of these bonds were sold to the Bray Bros. Co., bond dealers, of the city of Greensboro, at the December meeting of the county Board. \$50,000 were marketed at that time at par and accrued interest. The proceeds from this sale will be used to clear the county road commission of some debts made before any of the purchase price of the bonds were made available.

Although the HERALD has not seen a copy of the act passed at the late special session of the legislature, it is known that the situation as regards bridge construction in the county has been cleared up by the new act passed at that time. Under the provisions of the law as enacted, the county commissioners are authorized to appropriate money for the construction of bridges in the county. The new county road law passed last spring placed the burden of the bridge construction work upon the newly created road commission and made no funds available for the work, except such funds as the commission received for road maintenance. However, for the past several months the commissioners have appropriated sums of money for this work, in the nature of loans to the county road fund.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank the friends of our dear father, John Randolph Phelps, for their many kindnesses shown him, before and after his death, also for the beautiful floral tributes.

HIS WIFE & CHILDREN.
Jan. 8, 1922.

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STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD

—Of the sixty-five counties in the state that raise cotton fifty of them raised more in the year 1921 than in the previous year, and only fifteen less. The entire crop for 1921 was 767,144 bales while in 1920 the crop totaled 690,664 bales.

—A new morning daily will begin publication in Goldsboro about February 1st. Roland F. Beasley, former Welfare Officer of the State, will be editor of the new daily, Red Powell, a newspaper man of Raleigh, is also connected with the paper.

—"Pussyfoot" Johnson, speaking in Warrenton last week stated that there was no chance for Congress to insert the beer and light wines provision in the prohibition laws.

—Professor Kader R. Curtis, Superintendent of the Kinston schools, states that no less than five of his high school and the grammar grade girls married during the holidays.

—The one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian church at Edenton was celebrated last week, the exercises lasting two or three days, and attended by several leaders of that denomination.

—Rev. Lee McBride White, the Baptist pastor at Kinston, has recommended to that church the construction of a swimming pool, a pavilion and a moving picture machine for the recreation of the members of that church.

—J. Ed Albright, prominent in Greensboro, was instantly killed by an explosion of a pressure tank, which he was repairing last Wednesday.

—The district attorney's office of the Eastern District of this State has been moved from Elizabeth City to Raleigh.

—Raleigh is making every effort to retain the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, whose headquarters will be moved to Winston-Salem, according to present plans of Collector Gilliam Grissom.

—Home renters in Durham are entering suit against the landlords for extortionate rents.

—A leaden pipe bomb exploded in one of the Trinity College dormitories last Thursday. It is thought to have been the result of one of the mischief-making students.

—Governor Morrison invites all North Carolinians to raise more gardens and eat less "side meat molasses and cornbread."

—The Newport Shipbuilding Company, of Wilmington, has made a bid to the Federal Government for the purchase of the Muscle Shoals project, which Henry Ford is seeking to obtain from the government.

—Two members of the faculty of the State University, were recently made vice-presidents of the Modern Language Association of America.

—Winston-Salem was host to the editors of North Carolina last Thursday and Friday. The mid-winter session of the North Carolina Press Association was held in the new Robert E. Lee Hotel, there.

—Moonshiners in Pitt County are being held for superior court to answer to an indictment charging them with the dynamiting of the home of a constable of that county.

—\$700,000 will be spent on Otten hospital at Asheville, one of the government institutions that is to be made a permanent government hospital.

—Armed citizens are patrolling the streets of New Bern, in an attempt to check the wave of burglary which has been so prevalent there since the week before Christmas. A band of gypsies were invited away from

the town, with the thoughts of reducing the number of offenses, without avail.

—Over five million dollars of State bonds were marketed last week, at a good price.

—Paul Wheeler, a dairyman of Durham, is proud of the record of his flock, since two of his full blooded cows gave birth to twins last week.

—The superintendent of school at Lumberton is having a number of business men of that city speak to the high school students on the manner in which their businesses are run. A different business is chosen for every week, and through this method, the superintendent hopes to teach his pupils of modern business life.

The secondary colleges of N. Carolina and Virginia sent representatives to Richmond, Va., Monday to participate in a conference which has for its aim the formation of an association for the promotion and regulation of athletics between the institutions represented.

—The hearing in the contest of Dr. Ike Campbell, Republican, for the seat now held by Congressman Doughton, is expected to be held some time during January.

—Dr. George Truett, "The Greatest Baptist Preacher," will conduct a meeting in Raleigh, beginning March 15th. All of the churches of the city will participate in a union service.

—Thirty-five postmasters were appointed for North Carolina offices last Friday.

—A conference of the North Carolina Improved Seed Association will be held at the State College, Raleigh, on the 24th of this month. Farmers of the State are invited, as an important discussion of the cotton boll weevil will be one of the features of the meeting.

—Mrs. Josephus Daniels, the Chairman of the Wilson Foundation Fund in the State, is having great success in raising the apportionment for the State, already several hundred dollars having been subscribed, even before she had asked for subscriptions.

—Lake Raleigh, from which the city of Raleigh obtains its water supply, is once more full to capacity. This lake went dry last summer during the drought and a serious water famine was the result.

—Henry E. Thompson, of Stan-tonsbury, while in Wilcox last week, exhibited a bottle wine that was distilled in Edgecombe County 152 years ago.

—Ex-Governor Bickett has bequeathed all of his property to his wife, according to the terms of his will which was written in 1904.

—During the last three months over four thousand men have been secured positions by the State Employment Agency, under the supervision of M. L. Shipman, of Raleigh.

—Judge W. A. Devin, speaking to the grand jury at the opening of Superior Court in Raleigh Monday morning, suggested that the manufacturers of distilleries be brought to trial, as one way to aid in the enforcement of the dry laws.

—An election has been called in Rockingham to vote on the issuance of \$100,000 bonds, to be used for school purposes.

—Scott Dillingham, "used-car dealer of Asheville, who absconded several months ago and left his creditors in the lurch, has been nabbed in a western State. He was brought back to Asheville, where he will face several charges.