

ALL ROAD BONDS HAVE BEEN SOLD; GET GOOD FIGURE

Commissioners Sell \$200,000 To Bray Brothers Of Greensboro—Vote Divided

VOTE IS DIVIDED 3 TO 2 ON THE PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF THEM

Half Million Issue Will Have Been Spent By July 1, 1925, Is Plan

Whatever fears Hertford County people have entertained about the blocking of further road bond sales by the incoming board of County Commissioners have been dissipated by the action of the old board at Winton last Monday, in its regular monthly meeting. By a vote of 3 to 2, the sale of \$200,000 bonds was authorized.

Bray Brothers, of Greensboro, were awarded the bonds which include the balance of the half million dollar issue voted in August, 1920. According to the terms of sale, the County will net about \$7,000 premium. The bonds will be delivered some time this month, the bond dealers paying accrued interest from the date the bonds were issued.

A total of \$225,200 will be realized from the \$200,000 bonds, although the payments to be made to the county will be stretched over a period of approximately two years from the time of delivery. On March 1, 1923, \$20,000 will be paid to the County; and beginning January 1, 1924, \$11,400 will be paid by Bray Bros. to the County Treasurer monthly over a period of eighteen months.

E. W. Whitley, Murfreesboro member of the Board, cast the deciding vote for the sale, F. G. Taylor and John Askew, Jr., voting against. E. H. Eure and J. C. Taylor were ready to sell at the last meeting and had not changed their minds since that time. Mr. Whitley declined to vote when the votes were first called for, and it was some thirty minutes before he could make a decision. He voted for the sale. Last month when the question came up, he was opposed to the sale, the price offered at that time being a premium of 2 per cent.

The County's road board figured in the discussions incident to the intermission necessary for Mr. Whitley to make a final decision. "If the road board expects to continue its deviltry I think we might as well quit the whole business" said Mr. Whitley. Other board members agreed that the highway men had gotten themselves into a muddle, but held to the opinion that the same forces were behind the latest movement as were liable to attempt a complete defeat of the road program later.

"A bird in hand is worth two in the bush," was the way three commissioners figured the deal. With an offer presented to them which would net the County a handsome premium and take care of the interest, while at the same time a check was made upon the expenditure by the monthly payment plan, Messrs. Taylor, Eure and Whitley felt that it was safer to act now than to delay and take chances on the future bond market. The two dissenting members did not make any active fight against the sale.

According to the program of expenditures made by the road board the funds derived from the first \$200,000 will take care of the road work until January 1, 1924, at which time the monthly payment on the last batch will begin. Already the program has been exceeded by \$17,500, an amount borrowed by the County Commissioners for the use of the highway commission. This sum will be liquidated on March 1, 1923, by the \$20,000 payment to be made on the \$200,000 bonds sold Monday.

If the plans are carried through as outlined, the last of the half million dollar bond issue will have been expended July 1, 1925.

PEANUT DIGGING BEGINS

Farmers in this section are busy digging peanuts this week. The yield is somewhat light, although a majority of the farmers say the quality is good.

TRAINING SCHOOL BEGAN HERE ON LAST MONDAY

More Than Two Hundred Colored Youths Register On First Day Of School

(By JAS. R. WALKER, Agricultural Supervisor.)

The Hertford County Training School on Monday, October 2nd opened its door to the colored youth of Hertford County. At the opening hour the principal and his co-workers were faced with over two hundred bright eyed and eager boys and girls who were apparently bubbling over with ambition and enthusiasm. The very sight of these children, was enough to touch the heart of every lover of education in Hertford County, white or colored. It is to our regret that there were no members of the county board of education present to say a word of encouragement and inspiration to these young colored boys and girls who are destined to make the colored citizenry of Hertford County on tomorrow.

Turning from the children to the parents, we are indeed very sorry that so few parents accompanied their children to the school on the opening day. A special message had been prepared for them, relative to their most vital and important function in connection with the great educational program that had been mapped out for this year's work. Be it understood, no faculty, however efficient, can do its best work without the hearty co-operation and support of the parents of the respective community. We therefore, solicit the whole hearted co-operation of the parents, their frequent visitations and counsel at any time and all the time.

Just a word relative to the personnel of our faculty for the year. Under the wise leadership and superior supervision of our administrative head, Prof. C. S. Yeates, we have reason to expect great things during the year. Behind him stands a group, six in number, of co-operative teachers. Four of this number or group, are his old reliable, those who have been with him for several years and whose support and fidelity are unquestionable. The other two are new comers but who promise by their charming personality, to be an asset to the faculty.

Last but not least, is the school itself. Here in Hertford County lie the possibilities of the greatest county training school in the state. Here is where it ought to be, for according to the statistics, we are at the bottom in ignorance. When one looks around at our sister counties, namely Northampton and Bertie, and sees them building such splendid training schools he can not help but wonder what is the matter with Hertford county. Think of it, almost on the very first day, the school building was overcrowded with half of the children still in the cotton and peanut fields. We are greatly in need of a new brick twelve-room school house. To this end, we call upon every citizen in the county, upon every friend of education both white and colored to lend a helping hand, to "Come over in Macedonia and help us." Especially do we call upon those in official positions, to use their influence and power to help us. We are not discouraged in the least. When we look at our present status and consider our humble beginning of two years ago, we cannot help but exclaim, "What God has wrought."

Chamber Of Commerce Goes Over; Officers And Directors Are Elected

With a bull-dog tenacity that has gone the canine tribe one better, Ahoskie citizens have put their money into a chamber of commerce. "You can't do it," was a familiar and oft repeated saying when the initial move was made to secure 100 members, at an annual cost of \$15 each. But, that very thing was accomplished just before the organization meeting was called to order Thursday night. Dr. Paul Mitchell rounded out the 100th.

Repeated saying saying when the inlet of Goldsboro spoke to more than a hundred persons on the aims and work of a chamber of commerce. Ten members were needed at that time, and the committee in charge went

STEEL BRIDGE IS TURNED OVER BY AUSTIN BROTHERS

Old Flat At Boone Harrell Ferry Gives Way To New

FIRST TO BE COMPLETED IN THIS COUNTY AT A COST OF \$20,200

Big Barbecue at Basnight Plantation Gets Crowd In Good Humor

Hertford County's first all-steel bridge over a navigable stream was officially turned over to the highway commission Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The 217 foot steel bridge and draw across Wiccacon Creek at the Boone Harrell Ferry was tendered to the County by F. C. Merica, superintendent for Austin Brothers Bridge Company of Atlanta, Ga., as about 150 persons from all sections of the County stood by in a happy and contented frame of mind.

The men and women there were happy because Harrellville people—an integral part of the County—had been placed thirty minutes nearer the railroad at Cofield; and they were contented because Austin Brothers, F. G. Hines, road superintendent, G. L. Mitchell, and the good women of Harrellville had just provided for them "the best barbecue I ever tasted" and a liberal supply of cake and pickles.

Tables were erected in the yards of the old H. S. Basnight residence facing the creek, and while the pigs roasted and the kitchen force prepared the eats the crowd gradually increased until a few minutes before the feed was ready a close count brought the number up to fifty-eight persons. In less than five minutes when J. M. Eley announced that the feast was about to be eaten, there had gathered about the four long tables just about 150 persons. Where they came from is somewhat a mystery, but they were there. It was half past two o'clock when Harvey Snipes of Menola and Sid Watson of Ahoskie called for toothpicks and quit; the others had already finished and had their after-dinner smoke.

After the barbecue, the crowd gathered down at the bridge where the formal ceremonies took place. The bridge is 217 feet long, and 12 feet wide. It was erected at a total cost of \$20,200. The first car to pass over the bridge was that of Mr. Merica, on September 28.

A 145 foot draw works on a bronze disk 9 feet in diameter, and can be turned by a 10-year old boy. When open for the passage of boats the disk carries a tonnage of 92,000 pounds. A seventy-two foot fixed span completes the bridge. It is of the half-through, pivot-draw type, and will stand a load of 15 tons.

Work first began on the bridge last June and had it not been for delay on account of shipment of materials it would have been completed August 1. From the time the steel arrived until the final completion only about four weeks intervened.

Road building forces are now at work at both ends of the Cofield-Harrellville highway, and within a few weeks travel between these two points will be over one of the best stretches of road in the County.

after them.

The following directors were elected last night: V. D. Strickland, president; J. Bailey Barnes, 1st vice-president; R. H. Jernigan, 2nd vice-president; L. K. Walker, treasurer; Jas. I. Crawford, temporary secretary; H. S. Basnight, S. M. Applebaum, and J. Roy Parker, members.

The directors have inaugurated a campaign today looking to the securing of additional funds to the amount of one thousand dollars, making the total available amount \$2,500. A full time secretary will be employed as soon as it is raised. There is no doubt about the ultimate goal being attained within the next few days.

GOOD EXHIBITS READY FOR WOODLAND FAIR

Community And School Booths Will Be Among The Best This Year

(BY DAVID H. BROWN.)

With the Roanoke-Chowan Fair less than thirty days off, farmers in this and the adjoining counties, should be thinking seriously of what they intend to exhibit this year in the way of farm crops as well as live stock. The management is doing everything in its power to make this the biggest and most successful Fair ever held here. But after they have done all they can, the success of the Fair depends almost entirely upon those who are willing to bring out something to put on exhibition. If the Fair is worth having at all it is justified only as it is an inducement to improve agricultural conditions in this the Roanoke-Chowan section. If we did not learn anything from the Fair last year by observing the competitive exhibits as well as being able to mingle with our friends, then the Fair did not justify itself.

We hope to have the best showing of live stock this year we ever had. There is no doubt about the fact the boll weevil has come and come to stay, consequently we are being forced to turn our attention to something else besides cotton. Why not let it be livestock? If live stock, then why not pure bred? They are cheaper and better. Give all animals, which you are planning to show at the Fair, an extra amount of attention and let's have a real live stock show as has never been seen in this part of the State.

There was so much interest taken in the Community and School booths last year, as there is nothing that will do more to advertise your community, or leave impressions that remain long after the Fair is over than a creditable Community Exhibit, we are expecting as many if not more than last year. It has been thought best, however, not to allow exhibits in the Community booth to compete for individual prizes, for it proved impracticable if not impossible for the judges to do their duty last year. This should in no way detract from the Community booth for every one will have enough Community pride mingled with personal pride to bring something to enter in the general exhibit to compete for an individual prize. To offset the disadvantage of not being able to receive the double premiums offered last year, the Fair management has increased the premiums to be offered for the Community and School Exhibits as follows:

First premium is to be \$75.00
Second premium is to be 50.00
Third premium is to be 35.00
Fourth premium is to be 20.00
and all the others to receive ten dollars each, if meritorious.

Another hard and fast rule which has been definitely decided upon is that there shall be absolutely nothing entered for exhibition after Monday night. The judging will be done Tuesday morning and everything must be in readiness the night before.

The Fair Association recently purchased a large capacity dynamo so that the general dissatisfaction and complaint of other years on account of poor lights will be done away with this time.

We want everyone who possibly can do so to be making preparations to come to the Fair this year and bring something to put on exhibition and let's make it one of the biggest Fairs in Eastern North Carolina.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT FAIR

Premium lists for the Atlantic District Fair will be issued from the Herald press this week. Prizes offered and exhibits planned are practically the same as last year. However, much in the way of added midway attractions is on the program for this year. The J. L. Cronin Shows have been booked. The fair dates are October 24, 25, 26, and 27.

MANY NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Ready response has resulted from the special offer of the HERALD for one dollar a year. During the last few days almost one hundred new subscribers have been added. If there is any person who wants a sample copy send the address to us and we will see that they get the paper.

MANEYS NECK SEEKS A MEMBER ON BOARD

The people of Maneys Neck want representation on the next board of commissioners and they may get what they seek, although defeated in the primary due to an unheralded legislative act that gave two Ahoskie representatives.

J. C. Taylor, present commissioner, presented to the county commissioners a request from the Maneys Neck folks that a test vote be taken at the November election to ascertain the sentiment of the people of the County. The Board voted unanimously to ask the Board of Elections to prepare ballots and boxes for polling places in the County. Under the proposal Attorney L. J. Lawrence, nominee for Representative, would be asked to pass a special act in the next session of the General Assembly giving Maneys Neck a member of the board by appointment. If the majority vote is favorable Hertford County's Board will have seven members during the next term.

UNION DENIED A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING NOW

Bonds Invalidated And New Boundaries Will Be Made In District

By Monday's action of the County Board of Education, Union citizens have again been temporarily denied a new school building. Whether they are to have a new building at all is entirely dependent upon the action of taxpayers in the Union school district at a special election to be held some time soon, the date to be fixed at a meeting of the board next Monday. On motion of Jno. E. Vann, member of the board, the current bonds to amount of \$10,000 were invalidated by a unanimous vote. The same motion called for a redistricting and another bond election.

T. B. Norman, and J. E. Hall, colored, protested against being incorporated in the district and employed Attorney Stanley Winborne to represent them at the board meeting. Their contention was that it was unfair for them to pay taxes in support of the Union school while at the same time they were helping support the colored school at Pleasant Plains. They also said a gentleman's agreement had been made prior to the issuance of bonds whereby part of the funds from their taxes should be used for the colored school.

Because J. C. Brett had left the district and A. M. Browne was expected to leave, they thought it would probably take all the taxes to pay the interest and sinking fund for the bonds, and the private agreement would be of no avail. They want another boundary line made.

Attorney D. C. Barnes, representing the Union citizens, argued that inasmuch as the Board knew all about the boundaries of the district and since its members approved it according to present limits, Monday was no time to defeat the whole project. Behind him, he said, there appeared an effort to defeat the bond issue in its entirety and by the same voters who cast ballots against it July, 1921.

More than twelve months ago the bond issue was authorized. A technicality held up the sale for several months. A few weeks ago D. C. Barnes was employed to effect a sale in order that the money might be available at once, and that construction might begin. When the board met Monday four bids were submitted, but no action could be taken on the sale by reason of the board's action in invalidating the whole procedure.

Union citizens will meet the board next Monday and try to work out new boundary lines, and arrange for another election.

LARGE SUNDAY COLLECTION

At the Baptist Church last Sunday more than \$200 was taken in collections for Home Missions. It was Home Mission Day for the Sunday School, and a collection amounting to more than \$150 was received from the classes.

HINES TO ANSWER CHARGES AT NEXT MONDAY MEETING

Regular Monthly Session To Be Enlivened By Superintendent's Reply

BOTH SIDES TO WRANGLE STICK BY GUNS WHILE PUBLIC WAITS

Official Correspondence Published Today—Answer Next Week

When the Hertford County Road Board meets in Winton next Monday Superintendent F. G. Hines will present his answers to the charges brought against him by the board at its last meeting. In the meantime both sides in the dual wrangle are tenaciously standing by their convictions as registered at the last meeting, citizens of the County are discussing the breach, and Superintendent Hines is preparing to explode the whole fabric of charges advanced against his administration.

In the next issue of the HERALD Mr. Hines' answer to the Board will be published. All official correspondence between the Superintendent and the Board is published, together with a copy of the contract.

CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF HERTFORD COUNTY, OF THE FIRST PART, AND F. G. HINES, PARTY OF THE SECOND PART:

That the party of the first part do hereby hire the party of the second part as County Road Supervisor for the term of—years at a salary of \$2500.00 per year, payable in monthly instalments of \$208.33. The said F. G. Hines to absolutely control all roads in Hertford County except those designated as State Highway. It is also agreed by said Highway Commission that the said F. G. Hines shall have full control of all road equipment, also hiring and discharging men. The said F. G. Hines to give bond in the sum of \$1000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties.

The said Highway Commission shall at their monthly meetings designate to the Superintendent any work they may desire done during the following month, but no member shall have authority over the Superintendent except at their regular, or called meeting.

At any time the said Highway Commission can prove that the said F. G. Hines has failed to faithfully perform his duty they may dismiss him with ten days notice.

At any time the said F. G. Hines becomes dissatisfied and wishes to resign he shall give said Highway Commission thirty days notice.

This the 2nd day of May, 1921.

(Signed)
J. B. WORRELL, Chairman,
B. N. SYKES,
E. B. VAUGHAN,
H. G. SNIPES,
W. B. POLLARD,
F. G. HINES,
L. K. WALKER,

Demands Resignation

This is the letter written by Jno. A. Northcott, Secretary of Road Board, asking for the resignation of Mr. Hines:

Winton, N. C., September 20, 1922.
"Mr. F. G. Hines, Murfreesboro, N. C.
"My Dear Sir—The Board of Road Commissioners at a meeting today discussed the road work in general and reached the conclusion, that all things being considered, the best interest of the County Road work would be best subserved by requesting your resignation.

"A resolution was passed ordering the Secretary to request your resignation effective October 1st.

With highest personal regards,
Yours very truly,
J. A. NORTHCOTT,
Clerk to the Board."

Superintendent's Reply

These are the two letters written by Mr. Hines in answer to the demand for his resignation:

"Mr. J. A. Northcott, Winton, N. C.,
"My Dear Sir—I have yours of the
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