

## CUTTING EXPENSES OF COUNTY IS JOB HARD TO WORK OUT

### Paying For Dipping Vats And Their Maintenance Will Take All Surplus Saved By Lay-Offs

## H. L. MILLER QUITTING AS FARM DEMONSTRATOR

### Tax Collectors For Another Year Appointed And Delinquents Spared Again

As the end of the first year of administration for the present board of county commissioners approaches, the six determined commissioners are beginning to cut the expense budget on one hand, while the unpopular dipping vat law on the other hand is destined to take whatever may be cut off and then some. At any rate, that is the way it begins to appear from the record of bills being paid out of the county fund for erection, maintenance, and repairs of the vats which have already caused the county to borrow \$10,000.

H. L. Miller, for five years farm demonstrator for Hertford now has his resignation lodged with the State Department. It will take effect October 1, when the county will also quit paying the \$50 per month. The commissioners will not get a chance to "fire" the demonstrator, but it takes no gypsy fortune teller to predict what will become of farm demonstration in this county. "There ain't going to be any," Doctor Mitchell told District Agent McCall, of Washington, the county didn't expect to employ another agent.

Mr. McCall appeared before the board at its session last Monday, and informed them of Mr. Miller's resignation, and asked that they signify their intentions as to employing another agent, either then or at some later date. While there was no vote by the board, Doctor Mitchell acted as spokesman and made quick work of it by telling the visiting agricultural leader that this county couldn't afford it any longer. The other members were apparently of the same mind.

Miss Myrtle Swindell, home agent, will hold over until the present appropriation is exhausted. But, Commissioner Jno. O. Askew wanted to know Monday "When are we going to lop off this appropriation?" "Next meeting will be plenty time," was the answer, and so there remains only the formality. W. D. Brown, colored demonstration agent, is also included in the list.

Many bills were approved Monday for dipping vat costs, and for expenses of maintenance, including the filling of vats with water, and repairs. But, the perplexing thing about this item was the appearance of one citizen before the board, and two others by letter asking for reimbursement for cows that had died as the result of dipping. The board took no action other than agreeing to take up the matter of damages with the State. G. O. Holloman, of Ahoskie, asked for the purchase price of a nice cow that had died from drinking the solution; but the commissioners could offer nothing better than a promise to tell the State about it.

Fifty dollars went out of the county expense fund last Monday to pay for legal services in connection with the levying of taxes for the 1923-24 school budget. An attorney was retained by the board to argue its side against the board of education when the two boards were wrangling over the tax rate for schools. It cost them \$50.

The Bank of Winton was again appointed treasurer for the county. It will pay 3 per cent on daily balances. Last year it paid 4 per cent on daily balances, and, according to the commissioners, helped them in other ways. There was no competitor for the position.

M. M. Browne was re-appointed (Continued on page 7)

## TOBACCO GROWERS HEAR ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES

### Phil R. Holt, of the Tobacco Organization, Talks to Members At Ahoskie

Fifty or more members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association came to Ahoskie last Friday afternoon, and heard Phil Holt, assistant manager of Warehouses for the Association, expound the principles of co-operative marketing, and explain the contract more fully to those who signed last year. Mr. Holt, a former auction warehouseman but now a thorough convert and staunch supporter of the Association, came here to substitute for T. C. Watkins, manager of warehouses, who was called to another part of the State for an important conference of the Association officials and workers.

J. V. Cobb, a director in the Association, accompanied Mr. Holt here and helped to answer questions asked by members. The meeting was held in the Richard Theater at half past one o'clock, with Walter L. Curtis, manager of the Association's warehouse here, presiding. V. D. Strickland, president of the Chamber of Commerce, warmly welcomed the visitors, expressing for the town and community an interest in the system of co-operative marketing.

Mr. Holt commanded the attention of the members when he addressed them for thirty minutes on the principles of co-operative marketing, the success of the tobacco organization, and the plans for final and complete victory in its fight to resist the fight being waged against it by the well organized and determined auction system. "It is a fight for economical independence," he said, "and only by sticking by the guns, and going out after your brother farmer can you win this fight."

He said co-operative marketing of tobacco was responsible for the good prices now prevailing, and predicted a continuance of profit-realizing prices so long as the Association functions. "We have won every contested point, an dhave done everything the auction men said we could not do," Mr. Holt told the members. He also recited some of his experiences on the auction warehouse man in Rocky Mount.

At the conclusion of his talk he explained to the members that the tobacco of all tenants would have to be delivered to the Association, a feature of the contract that was not carried out last year. This brought several inquiries from members, among which was the question of notification, and when the next advance would be made. Tobacco now on hand grown in this belt is worth \$1,900,000, Mr. Holt told them; and it would be sold when the tobacco companies tired of trying to "jew" the association down. A payment would then be made.

A meeting of the members of the Cotton and Tobacco Growers Co-operative Associations was held in the courthouse at Winton, Saturday afternoon at half past two o'clock. Matters affecting the organizations were discussed.

## TOWN COUNCIL HAS LITTLE BUSINESS

Beyond approval of a few bills, the Ahoskie town council had little "heavy" work Monday night. J. R. Garret was summoned before the board to show cause why he erected a wooden structure in the fire limits. He was ignorant of the ordinance, he said, and was allowed to let his small shelter remain until otherwise ordered by the council.

The resignation of Chief Britton was accepted and appointment of another officer deferred. Weeds on the streets were ordered mowed down at once.

A report was also given on the conference held last Saturday with an engineer for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad regarding the construction of side track to the light plant. A considerable item of expense was eliminated from the estimated cost by the engineer's approval of track without retaining wall. Figures on cost of construction will be submitted to the council soon.

## ANIMAL SHOW COMING

Christy Bros. Wild Animal Show will come to Ahoskie for one day, September 22. The show carries its large tent and its performances are thrillers, according to the advance representative who was in Ahoskie last Friday.

## Cotton Suffering Setbacks As Harvest Time Draws Nearer

"North Carolina is at last really hit and hurt by the boll weevil and also adverse weather conditions" is the introductory sentence of the September report of the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service at Raleigh. During August the crop condition declined 13.5 per cent, or a loss of almost 140,000 bales, had the condition remained the same as last month.

In this county the decline has not been so great as the State average. Last month the crop in Hertford was rated 99 per cent, being the highest of any county in the State. The September 1st report shows the condition of the county cotton to be 92. Currituck county, with an estimated 100 per cent perfect crop of cotton leads the field for August.

There are still a very few counties reporting a better crop than Hertford. They are: Camden, 98 per cent; Gates, 96 per cent; Perquimans, 95 per cent; Randolph, 94 per cent, and Currituck, 100 per cent. The State average is 71 per cent normal; the United States condition is 54.1. Last year at this date the condition was: North Carolina, 65 per cent; United States, 57.

Cotton rust, the red spiders, and a few isolated cases of boll weevils

are responsible for the decline in Hertford County. In other counties adjacent, the weevil has done more damage, noticeably in Bertie County, where he is damaging many fields of cotton. The condition of the crop in Bertie is rated at 79 per cent; one month ago it was rated 90 per cent. In Northampton the decline during the past month was only 6 per cent, the August condition being 81.

Shedding of bolls is quite general over the State on account of the dry weather which set in about July 25. The Government report says, however, that "it should be remembered that shedding is natural all through the growing season. The plants cannot possibly set more than half of the blooms that appear. Even six weeks of shedding of bolls would give a full crop."

"The condition of the cotton belt is 54.1 per cent, indicating 135 pounds per acre or 10,788,000 bales production. This was less than the trade expected. The result on the market was a substantial rise in prices."

Cotton in this county has already begun to open, and will be only a few days before the pickers will be in the fields, and the annual harvest will begin.

## CHOWAN COLLEGE WILL HAVE NICE ENROLLMENT

### Several New Faces Will Be Seen In Faculty, No Formalities Opening Day

(Special to the HERALD)  
Murfreesboro, Sept. 5.—The seventy-sixth session of Chowan College will begin on September 12 with entrance examinations, registration and classification of students. Class work will begin on Thursday, the thirteenth at 8:30.

Advance information indicates that there will be a large enrollment of students, practically all rooms being already reserved. The enrollment this year will include students from Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

The new building erected at a cost of \$75,000.00 is practically completed and will be ready for occupancy at the opening of College. It includes a central heating plant, which will heat all of the college buildings, a swimming pool, shower baths and five new studios for the special departments. On the first floor, a commodious auditorium and a gymnasium on the second and third floors and a number of new dormitory rooms, in the fourth floor. All the new dormitory rooms are newly furnished with single beds.

Several new faces will be seen among the faculty. Besides Dr. Weaver, the new President, there will be Mrs. Thad Jones, the new housekeeper, from Kenansville; Miss Inez Matthews of Windsor, who succeeds Miss Mattie Macon Norman as piano teacher, and Dr. R. E. Clark of Centre College, Danville, Ky., professor of history and Sociology.

Miss Matthews is a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore and has been doing special work in the Asheville School of Music, preparatory to taking up her work at Chowan this fall.

Dr. Clark is a B. A. of Wake Forest, B. D. of Crozer Theological Seminary, M. A. and Ph. D. of the University of Pennsylvania and has taught in Olivet College, Michigan, Juanita College, Pennsylvania and for the past two years has been professor of Economics in Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

The usual formalities attending the opening of the college session will be dispensed with in view of the fact that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the College is to be formally celebrated in October. Classes will begin at 8:30 a. m., Thursday the thirteenth.

## CUT WEEDS DOWN

Mayor L. C. Williams, at the direction of the town council, is having weeds on the city property mowed down this week. He also invites the co-operation of individuals in the movement to kill off the disease breeding and unsightly weeds on vacant lots in town. A little work in front of the house might also help to give the movement impetus.

## CONFEDERATE RE-UNION WAS HELD AT AHOSSKIE

### Lack Of Publicity Cause Of Absence Of Public Entertainment Of Vets

Seven of the 32 living Confederate Veterans natives of Hertford County composed the entire gathering at the annual Re-union held in Ahoskie last Thursday. Their presence here was little known to the majority of persons here that day, which was also the opening day of the local tobacco auction market. Lack of publicity and utter ignorance of the date contributed to the absence of any form of entertainment for the visiting Veterans.

H. Clay Sharpe, of Harrellsville, historian for the County camp of Confederate Veterans, issued the call for the gathering here. He was here and looked out for the small group, about the only regular order being the roll call of his living comrades. The following answered: Capt. Julian G. Moore, of Washington, D. C.; W. H. Miller and I. P. Newsome, of Ahoskie; J. J. Alston and R. L. Sesome, of Powellsville; J. R. Barnes of Virginia, D. A. Parker of Murfreesboro; and H. C. Sharpe of Harrellsville.

Although there was no public recognition given to the Veterans, the few who were in Ahoskie from all appearances enjoyed the occasion and were happy to meet with their former comrades. All day they mingled together, swapping experiences, and rehearsing the old days. Many of later generations sat together with them about town, and heard the thrilling tales; and, notwithstanding the World War and rumors of other wars now heard in Europe, the repeated stories of conflicts in the Civil War held the same intensive interest it always did.

Captain Julian G. Moore, now of Washington, D. C., lent a military color to the day, being the only Vet wearing the uniform. He commanded immediate attention from the crowds who were on the streets, and it was a busy day for him. The other Veterans listened attentively to him as he told of the days of 63-65, and many times during the day Captain Moore entertained others who had known him after the war, as one of the county's best and most honored educational leaders.

Captain Moore led Company C of Moore's Battery, Artillery, during the war. Following the war, he went to Washington, and has lived there forty years. He will be 83 years old next month. This year he was appointed to the Staff of Commander-in-Chief Julian S. Carr, of the United Confederate Veterans, and attended the Re-union at New Orleans, La., last spring, holding the rank of Colonel. He wore the uniform of his rank while at the county re-union last Thursday.

Since he has been in Washington he has been actively engaged in the movement to mark the graves of Confederate who died while prisoners in the North.

## TOBACCO CO-OPS ARE GAINING SAY REPORTS

According to publicity matter sent from the office of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association at Raleigh, 5,600,000 pounds of tobacco in the South Carolina belt was delivered last week. This amount brings the total deliveries of the organized farmers to their association to date over half of the total receipts for last year in South Carolina, and the border counties.

The bulletin also says: "Contracts by the hundreds and tobacco by the millions of pounds are pouring into the Association every week. Directors from the South Carolina belt predict that the association will double its receipts of last year in their territory."

## Reunion Powell Family

Mrs. E. M. Wooten of Ahoskie, Mrs. J. A. Eley of Newport News, Va., Dr. J. A. Powell and Mr. Tom Powell of Harrellsville, and Mr. J. M. Powell of Georgetown, S. C., together with their families enjoyed a picnic and reunion at Colerain Beach last Wednesday afternoon.

## KEEPING HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams have taken rooms at the home of Mrs. Raney White, and are now running their own household.

## TOBACCO BRINGING A GOOD PRICE AT LOCAL WAREHOUSES

### More Than One Hundred Thousand Pounds Sold Open-Day At Average of \$22.60, Say Warehousemen

## POORER GRADES ARE IN GREAT DEMAND

### Large Quantity Has Been Sold On Auction Floors Every Day This Week

The auction tobacco market which opened with approximately 100,000 pounds on the two warehouse floors that sold for an average of \$22.60 per hundred has continued to send its farmer patrons back home with a satisfied mind, a full pocketbook, and a determination to bring their next load to Ahoskie. Prices for the lower grades are holding up to the high figure set on opening day, and large breaks have occurred every day this week, including Monday which is usually a light day.

Fifty to seventy-five thousand pounds of tobacco have been marketed here for the last three days and the average price of the opening day, last Thursday, has held its own. Little of the better grades has appeared on the floor of either warehouse. Common tobacco is selling unusually good, and very poor grades are this year bringing seven and eight cents per pound, with the fair grades running up to 36 cents per pound.

According to actual figures given to the HERALD by warehousemen here, 100,984 pounds of tobacco were sold here last Thursday, at an average price of \$22.60 per hundred. The total amount of money paid out for the tobacco was \$22,822.67, these figures being furnished by the operators of the two houses here.

Some of the sales made on opening day were: Tyler & Jones, Roxobel, 1760 pounds for \$479.74, an average of \$27.25 per hundred; G. O. Holloman, average \$28.10; Luther Brown, 188 pounds, at average of \$27.00; Parker & Knight, 508 pounds, at an average of \$26.83; G. T. Pierce, 764 pounds, average \$28.98; Parker and Miller, 670 pounds, at average \$30.57.

Again this year, the Ahoskie market is drawing heavily upon the tobacco growing sections of Bertie county, this market having been strongly supported by these growers for several years. All of the Hertford county tobacco is coming here, and many loads have come from Gates and Chowan counties since the market opened.

While there was no overflow of tobacco here last Thursday, all the growers from this territory spent the day here, looking the market over and getting a line on prices. It looked like circus day, without the circus. The crowds were here, every street in town being lined with cars, and all parking space in a block of either warehouse was taken up.

Those who had no tobacco here the first day evidently were well pleased with the prices paid, for they have been steadily coming here since that time, along with those who started the season off on the first day's sales.

Business in Ahoskie has shown the usual "perk up" since the advent of the market season. Sales have increased, and stocks are being replenished.

The Chamber of Commerce served free lemonade to all comers last Thursday. A large street banner has also been placed at the end of Church street, East, and it bids the farmer welcome while it also solicits his next load. Plans have been formulated looking to a big, free barbecue for the tobacco growers, to be given either this month or early in October.

Brunswick county women continue to take in about \$75 in cash each Saturday at the Women's Exchange Market in Wilmington, reports the home agent.