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HERTFORD COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL WINS TWO PRIZES

Judging Teams Of Ahoshkie Win Third Prize At Negro State Fair

HAS BEST EXHIBIT AT ATLANTIC DISTRICT FAIR STAGED LAST WEEK

State Officials Alert To The Rapid Strides Being Made Here

(By JAMES R. WALKER, Agricultural Teacher)

To the busy public of Hertford County, I would say Halt! While I make the following announcement: During the beautiful days of the last week, there opened and closed two of the greatest colored fairs in the country, namely—the Negro State Fair at Raleigh and the Atlantic District Fair at Ahoshkie.

Happy am I to say that Hertford County Training School played its part very admirably and conspicuously at both fairs. On Tuesday of last week, the agricultural teacher and six students composing two judging teams of three students each, left Ahoshkie for Raleigh to make good their boast of "Bringing home the bacon." On the stock judging team were Roosevelt Mitchell, Claude Holloman and Frank Anthony. On the corn judging team were, Charlie Yeates, Joseph Newsome, and John Erma Parker. These young, bright and ambitious colored boys of Hertford County, left the town with victory written upon their brow.

They stepped from the train on last Friday morning and yelled with all their might VICTORY—victory which thrilled the hearts of all who heard. Hard victorious battles always bring the greatest joy. These boys had been victorious in one of the most rigid contests ever held by the Old North State. Thirteen judging teams, representing thirteen different county training schools, participated in the contest. Some of these schools have been entering these contests for years, using practically the same teams each year and yet, the Hertford County Training School at its first attempt ranked third among them.

There were five prizes offered as follows: \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, and \$10. The third prize of twenty dollars was won by our team. This event is indeed both historical and reminiscent. For the star it adds to the Training School's crown, for the fame it gives to Hertford County in general, I solicit the hearty support and good wish of all when I say hats off! to these victorious boys of ours. Just think, as individual judges, Roosevelt Mitchell ranked third in the contest. These records are remarkable when one realizes that a few months ago these boys did not know a hereford cow from a shorthorn, a Berkshire hog from a Hampshire nor a leghorn fowl from a barred rock. Does it pay to teach agriculture in our school?

How proud are we for our noble victory at Raleigh but prouder still are we for our nobler victory at Ahoshkie. Our great home fair offered ten dollars for the best school exhibit. Several of our largest and best schools brought their best goods forward only to be rated as secondary to that brought forth by the Hertford County Training School.

There was some little opposition to the decision of the judges. The judges, however, stuck to their honest decision and declared that if skill, workmanship and artistic display had anything to do with an exhibit, Hertford County Training School had outclassed all others in these particulars. Thus merit and not favoritism gave first prize to our training school. Then, won't you join me in saying hats off to the Hertford County Training school.

What about this training school anyway? Well, it is waking up the officials at Raleigh (the outside public in general) but Oh! If it only could wake up the general public at home, the County Board of Education and have them realize the real need and worth of our school. If students from an old dilapidated school building such as ours, can make such splendid records as we are making,

LITTLE INTEREST OVER ELECTION NEXT MONDAY

Democrats Will Easily Take All Offices In Both County And State

Very little interest has been shown by voters in either party over the election to be held next Monday, November 7. Congressman Hallett S. Ward has furnished the only real campaign speech made in the County, when he delivered a broadside at the Republican Party two weeks ago, at the opening of Hertford County Superior Court. There is hardly enough real Republican opposition in this County to make the race interesting, and many voters will probably remain away from the polls next Monday on account of lack of interest.

C. E. Kramer, Republican candidate for Congress from this district, is waging a pretty strenuous campaign by the newspaper, circular, and poster advertising route. Today's issue of the HERALD carries a double column advertisement, setting forth his reasons for asking support from voters. Large cardboard posters have been tacked up in the County, on which are printed the appeal by Candidate Kramer.

County candidates on the two tickets have waged no active campaign at all. The Republican vote is negligible, and as usual Hertford County will have a Democratic administration without effort.

Two names of Democrat candidates were left out of the list published in this paper last week, through an oversight in "setting up" the list. They are Attorney Lloyd J. Lawrence of Murfreesboro, candidate for the General Assembly, and B. Scull of Harrellsville, candidate for sheriff. Mr. Lawrence has served in the Legislature before and is not new at making laws; and Sheriff Scull has already made Hertford County an efficient officer for two terms.

Voters in this county will also decide whether they want to give Maneys Neck Township representation on the next board of commissioners.

A test vote will be had on the proposition of asking the next representative to appoint a member from that township. Ballots have already been printed and boxes provided at every polling place in the County.

Voting on the State Ticket will be but a rubber stamp procedure in the County, as every Democrat on the line-up will go over in large numbers.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE IMPROVING CONDITIONS

Three Car Loads Of Crushed Rock And Limestone Spread Near Station

Ahoshkie is getting a modicum of improvements from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Thursday morning three cars of crushed rock and limestone were unloaded on the tracks near the local passenger station and depot. It was spread over the ties and alongside the track, forming a walk-way for passengers boarding and leaving the trains. It will help eliminate mud and muck incident to slight rainfalls.

Mr. Cobb, Superintendent, has advised Mayor Walter L. Curtis that he will meet with the town council at some early date to discuss other probable improvements in service at Ahoshkie.

AHOSKIE MAN NAMED

V. D. Strickland, cashier of the Farmers-Atlantic Bank, has been notified of his appointment as chairman of the educational committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association for Hertford County. The Association has undertaken to arrange a free course in banking for all schools in the State, members of the profession giving free lectures to the students. Mr. Strickland will soon announce the program of lectures for the schools.

what would they do from a modern twelve-room brick school house? Oh! that the people, white and colored, that the County Board of Education in particular, could see that the highest honor to the colored population and the greatest asset to the county in general, would be a new school building as described above. With God, I pity the blind.

Herald Wins Third Prize In State-Wide Newspaper Contest

Only two other weekly newspapers in North Carolina rank ahead of the HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD in carrying the news of the county in which published. This newspaper won third place in the contest held at the State Fair, Raleigh, North Carolina. The contest was staged by the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, and was state-wide in its scope. W. O. Saunders' INDEPENDENT at Elizabeth City, and the MOORE COUNTY NEWS of Carthage were the other prize winners, being first and second, respectively.

This distinction came to the HERALD for its excellence and thoroughness in publishing the news. It is the first time that the country weeklies have received such recognition from the State. All pages were exhibited on the walls of the Association's booth, each paper being allotted sufficient space so that its whole front page was readable.

The judges made a careful study of the papers taking them down from the walls for close comparison and study before passing final judgment on contents and make-up. Each judge worked separately and the final ratings were determined by percentages. George A. Moore, superintendent of the Mitchell Printing Company of Raleigh, John Livingstone, formerly of the News & Observer and now with the Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, and A. O. Alford of the Agricultural Extension Service, who is a deep student of the country newspapers, acted as judges of the contest.

Winners in the other contests were, For Make up of Front Page: first, The Franklinton News, Franklinton; second The Graphic, Nashville; third, The Warren Record, Warrenton. Editorial Page: first, The Pilot, Vass; second, The Sampson Democrat, Clinton; third, The Mount Airy News, Mount Airy.

Marrying In Hertford County Not So Popular During The Last Two Years

North Carolina's new regulations circumscribing marital-struck persons had a marked effect on the business of issuing marriage licenses in Hertford County. Securing health certificates is apparently too much trouble for many couples who would be led to the hymenal altar; they prefer to take unto themselves mates in territory more favorable to the business of marriage.

All of which is to say that John Northcott, register of deeds (as well as other contracts more binding and of longer duration), has not issued the usual amount of marriage licenses since the new law became effective in 1921. There were 162 couples who secured licenses to marry in Hertford County during the year 1920. In 1921 the marital business flopped almost fifty per cent. Eighty-eight licenses were issued that year.

Twenty-seven of the 1921 licenses were issued during the first two months of the year, or before the new law became effective. With only two more months in 1922, only 52 couples have secured the life contracts from Mr. Northcott. Business must pick up during November and December of 1922 will fall below the record of last year.

Another fallacy has been exploded since the record was checked last Tuesday, June heralded as the month of brides and "the things what come with them", is not near so popular as January. Probably it is because Hertford County folks believe in starting the new year right, or that, most of the men being farmers, figure a wife to be among the most valuable of the new year's supplies usually stocked up during the early months.

Most fellows regard a wife as one of the sweets of life than as a necessary adjunct to the household, for December is the banner marrying month. A sort of delectable Christ-

mas gifts is the way some figure it, since a large number of the December weddings take place around Christmas—several on Christmas day. Forty-five licenses were issued in January of the same two years. In January, 1922, only ten licenses were issued, or about fifty per cent less than the same months in 1921.

February is the shortest month of the twelve in number of days, but is chosen as a good marrying month by Hertford County couples. Next to December and January, it has been the most prolific in marrying than any of the other months during the last three years. March is too windy and stormy for the average couple, who take chances on the hoodoo of April fool. April ranks fourth in marrying months with 27 licenses issued during the three years covered in this tabulation. June comes fifth with twenty-five. Others come in the order named: September, 19; October, 18; May, 16; July and August, 14 each.

If the same ratio prevails during the month of November this year, the eleventh month of the year will rank along with September in the number of licenses issued. And, there is pretty good indications that there will be a revival in this pastime. Business picked up in the register's office during the closing days of October, and, since they say marrying is contagious, both November and December will be big ones for marriage.

October was the biggest month since February this year when 10 licenses were issued. Six couples secured "papers" at Winton last month, and three of them came during the last week. Licenses were issued as follows: white, Gurney N. Pittman and Doris N. McEreny, both of Dendron, Va., Elliott Outlaw and Lillian Vaughan, colored, Stanley Weaver and Lillian Vaughan, James Parker and Moner Demory, Benjamin Collins and Annie Brown.

VISIT OTHER COUNTIES

Dr. and Mrs. L. K. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boyette spent last Sunday on an automobile tour of Hertford, Bertie, Martin, and Pitt counties. They left here at half-past eight o'clock in the morning, and returned at the same hour that night. Towns included in the itinerary were Windsor, Williamston, Robersonville, Greenville, and Grifton. Three hours were spent with Mrs. Walker's sister in Grifton, Pitt County.

DR. POWELL AT JACKSON

Dr. C. G. Powell spent last Sunday in Jackson. On Sunday night, he had charge of the services at the Jackson Baptist church. Dr. Powell is teacher of the Baraca class of the Ahoshkie Baptist Church.

MOVES THIS WEEK

W. K. Perry and family moved this week into the house recently occupied by J. W. Howard. Mr. Perry formerly had rooms at the N. E. White home.

ROANOKE-CHOWAN BOYS FORM CLUB AT COLLEGE

Club Expects To Enlarge Scope Of Work; Adds Several New Members

(By GEORGE V. HOLLOMAN)
All the boys from Northampton, Hertford, and Bertie counties, who are attending State College, met and reorganized the Roanoke and Chowan County Club. We were glad to note that we have more new men from our section of the state than ever before.

With our increased number we have decided to make the club amount to more than it has heretofore. In previous years, the sole aim of the club was to get the boys together to have a few banquets or feeds and this seemed to be all. This year we expect to attend to the social side of the club, of course, but we have a goal to reach also. It is our intention to put before the boys of our counties who are interested in a technical education, the advantages they will have at "Great Old State College."

We also want to show them that they will be able to work their way through college, if they cannot defray their expenses otherwise, and still not lose what is the greatest part of the college life; that is, the college activities. We will do this by sending copies of the college paper, "The Technician", to all the high schools in our counties.

The purpose of our first meeting was to elect officers, and the following were elected; E. W. Harris, President; A. S. Gay, Vice-President; H. C. Pritchard, Secretary; J. D. Sykes, Treasurer; G. V. Holloman, Reporter. The members are as follows: E. W. Harris, A. S. Gay, H. C. Pritchard, J. D. Sykes, G. V. Holloman, J. P. Taylor, J. P. Nowell, M. M. Smith, C. C. Parker, R. C. Baggett, T. T. Brown, D. T. Rice, L. M. Green, B. L. Vick, W. T. Overby, Howard Howell, R. W. Stanford, L. B. Taylor, B. L. Sykes, N. T. Capell, R. E. Vick, A. M. Joyner, M. S. Baggett.

We would appreciate any suggestions from the citizens of our counties as to any other good that our Club may accomplish.

MAN AND CHILDREN RUN DOWN BY CAR

Young Lady Driving Ford Loses Control And Runs Wild On Main Street

J. F. Copeland, route 1, Ahoshkie, and his two little daughters, Katherine, 3 years old, and Thelma, 2 years old, were badly injured last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when a Ford automobile driven by Miss Mabel Wheedbee, daughter of J. F. Wheedbee, Ahoshkie, ran into them near the corner of Main and Railroad streets, adjacent to the Main street railroad crossing.

Mr. Copeland had just crossed the railroad, and was carrying his youngest child in his arms, while Katherine was walking beside him. The streets were well filled with the usual Saturday afternoon crowd, some of whom were standing on the railroad in the street and others crossing Main street. Miss Wheedbee, going west up Main street, became confused as she drove the car across the railroad, and lost complete control when she saw Mr. Copeland and his two little girls almost directly in the path of the car, which had just barely missed striking another pedestrian.

When he saw the driver had lost control, Mr. Copeland picked up his older child and started out of the way, but the car hit him before he could get away. Miss Wheedbee gave a shriek and turned her steering wheel loose, while the car kept going, with the man and his little girls dragging beneath it. The car choked down just before reaching the front of the Herald office.

Both of the little girls received several bruises and scars, and have been under constant medical attention since last Saturday. Mr. Copeland received two severe gashes about the head, and suffered a very painful bruise of the back. He has been unable to get out of his home since that time.

Dr. J. H. Mitchell attended the wounded, and says all three will suffer no permanent injury, although it was at first thought one of the little girls was seriously injured.

CHOWAN BAPTISTS' NEXT CONVENTION AT MURFREESBORO

Fortieth Annual Association Held With Elam Church Last Week

EVERY CHURCH IN ASSOCIATION IS REPRESENTED; FIFTY-EIGHT TOTAL

Dr. C. G. Powell Of Ahoshkie Elected Moderator—Rev. R. B. Lineberry Clerk

(By Special Correspondent)
The West Chowan Association met with Elam church in Northampton County, October 24-25, in its 40th annual session.

There are fifty-eight churches and all were represented by letter except one and this one had letter on the way. Some of these churches are very old: Meherrin organized in 1720; Sandy Run, in 1750; Cashie, in 1770; Colerain, in 1780.

The following officers were elected: Dr. C. G. Powell, Moderator; Prof. W. D. Barbee, Vice-Moderator; Rev. R. B. Lineberry, Clerk; W. A. Thomas, Treasurer; Rev. John F. Cale, Historian. The constitution was amended to provide for an executive committee. This committee composed this year of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and the following as additional: H. G. Bryant, N. W. Britton, J. H. Matthews, J. I. Taylor, J. T. Bolton, R. M. Fleetwood, Mrs. E. B. Vaughan, Mrs. Herbert Jenkins and Miss Una White.

Of the twenty-two pastors of the Association all were present except one. The following new pastors were recognized: E. J. Isenhower, A. W. C. Pitman, J. P. Essex, R. R. Lanier. Visitors were recognized as follows: Rev. W. R. Beach for Biblical Recorder; Dr. C. E. Maddrey, Mission Secretary; Dr. M. L. Kesler of Orphanage; Rev. J. A. McMillan of Wake Forest College; Rev. J. W. Rowland; Rev. C. Edwards; Rev. C. T. Taylor of Emporia, Va.; Rev. Wm. Dower of Garysburg; Rev. A. K. Carter of Rosemary; Hon. Walter E. Daniels of Weldon.

Reports show 435 baptisms, a total membership of 13,746, in Sunday School, 8,253; B. Y. P. U., 1,393; W. M. U. 3,533. The per capita contribution to all benevolences was \$3.08 and total raised for all purposes was \$115,731.26.

The Clerk exhibited the work of the Association this year by churches on a chart hung on the wall. Murfreesboro church made the highest per capita contribution to benevolences, \$11.88.

Reports on the different subjects were well arranged and the discussion was of a high order though cut rather short by the two-days session. Special mention should be made of the address of Miss Eunice McDowell of Chowan College.

Elam, the entertaining church has a beautiful house of worship. The entertainment was superb—thanks to the alert pastor, the entertainment committee, the good ladies of the community who prepared for the entertainment and the tactful young lady who acted as chief usher.

The next session of the Association will be held at Murfreesboro where a magnificent house of worship is being built to cost about \$35,000 and \$40,000. Rev. J. P. Essex will preach the sermon.

ATTENDS BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Mr. E. J. Gerock left Ahoshkie Wednesday afternoon by automobile for Maysville, where he attended the funeral and burial of his brother, Richard Gerock. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gerock, Mrs. Dan Boyette, Mrs. Charlie Conger, and Mr. M. O. Gerock.

ATTEND W. M. U. MEETING

Among those from Ahoshkie who attended the meeting of the Hertford County Missionary Union at Mount Tabor Tuesday were Mrs. S. E. Vaughan, Mrs. John S. Vinson, Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Tayloe, Mr. and Mrs. Hersey Gatling, and Misses Sarah Vaughan and Besse Tayloe.