

## TOUCHING SCENE ENACTED AS CURTAIN DESCENDS ON SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Students, Teachers and Auditorium Full Of People Turn Loose Flood Of Tears As Arthur Greene Delivers Valedictory

### EVERY PROGRAM WAS FULL OF INTEREST

Rev. Q. C. Davis, of Albemarle Delivered Two Speeches

When the curtain began to descend on commencement exercises at the Ahoskie High School, with Arthur Greene in the role of valedictorian, great big tears began to ooze out of the eyes of students and teachers, and before they had been checked a whole auditorium of persons were weeping copiously. It was a scene never enacted at the Ahoskie school before, and it had none of the earmarks of a pre-arranged affair; it was spontaneous, coming from hearts that had been strained to the bursting point for several days, or ever since preparations had started for the commencement.

Graduating exercises given Tuesday morning brought to an end perhaps the greatest commencement Ahoskie has ever staged. It was distinctive not only in the rendition of the different programs, but also and principally perhaps because of the large number of young boys and girls who were stepping out of high school, an either entering upon a life's career or preparing to continue their training at college or university. Sixteen graduates was the sum total of the school mill this year, and every girl had her a partner in the eight boys who walked away with those sheepskins tucked away under their arms or grasped tightly in that right hand. It is the largest number of boys to graduate here in the history of the school.

Aside from the sentiment exhibited as Arthur Greene gave the valedictory Wednesday at noon, it is difficult to touch upon the high lights of the exercises; every program was good. The recitation and declamation contests uncovered some real orators and reciters amongst the Ahoskie pupils; the seniors not only upheld former traditions but added further laurels in presenting their class exercises Monday night; the musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, dissipated any fears about those lusty throated pupils' inability to carry a note, or get a harmonious sound out of a piano. Superintendent Raynor covered himself with a maze of glory when he with fervor and passion bade farewell to his sixteen wards who received their degrees; and, to make it unanimous, Rev. Q. C. Davis, of Albemarle, did just what he was expected to do; delivered two speeches filled with the genuineness of which he is known throughout the State.

Sunday morning, preaching to an audience that overflowed the Baptist church auditorium, Rev. Mr. Davis was never better. His text was found in the 9th and 10th verses of Philippians, and he chose "The Basic Principles of Life" as his subject. One of the very striking phrases uttered by him in his baccalaureate sermon was "Don't be satisfied with the tolerably good; the worst enemy of the best is good. Too many of us are ready to stop forging ahead when we have done a 'good work.'" His whole memorial had decayed, he said, and basic advice to the boys and girls who were graduating.

Tuesday evening, in the high school auditorium, he spoke on "The Education of Tomorrow for America." The kind of education he would have was summed up by him as "Universal education dictated by a pure democracy and saturated with a dynamic christianity." Only that kind of education—the universal training night, under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club.

## WARWHOOPE CEASES TO BE DEPARTMENT

With the closing of this term of school, the "Warwhoop", page in the HERALD has been discontinued. This page has been one of the distinctive assets of the Herald for eight months. In its columns every phase of school life has been treated, and it was "covered" well. The editor of this newspaper never had to worry about the "copy" it was here on time, and it was good copy, at that. Working with students of the school, and the faculty members under whose supervision the Warwhoop was published has been a pleasurable vocation with us here in the office. Members of the Warwhoop staff are entitled to encouragement and the HERALD hopes it has extended it in dedicating its space. To the superintendent, Mr. Raynor, and to Miss Emily Gayle, faculty supervisor of the Warwhoop, this newspaper gives thanks and feels a deep appreciation.

## COMMISSIONER HAS ENDORSED CITIZENS

Stacey W. Wade Congratulates Ahoskie On Building & Loan Association

### ANY COMMUNITY'S ONE BIGGEST ASSET

"The most progressive towns in our State may be identified by the number and activity of their building and loan associations and I predict for your community a healthy growth if proper attention is given to this, your newest asset."

The paragraph above is quoted from a letter written by Hon. Stacey Wade, State Insurance Commissioner, to the secretary of the Hertford County Building and Loan Association. That Ahoskie people have already caught something of the significance and importance of an active association finds its proof in their subscriptions and cash payments in the first series issued, as of May 1.

Secretary F. P. Meadows has been busy this week issuing certificates and receiving moneys on the first series. Six hundred shares were reported pledged last week, and since that time others have been spoken for, some have increased their number of shares, and practically every person who signed a pledge card has paid the initial installment.

For the benefit of any who are hesitating for fear a building and loan association is a bug-a-bear and something to shy at, another paragraph of Mr. Wade's letter will be quoted. Mr. Wade is at the head of the State Department which prescribed rules and regulations for the conduct of building and loan associations, and has direct supervision over every such organization formed and operated within North Carolina.

His years of experience in this business, and his general knowledge of building and loan associations should convert the doubtful if they but listen to this:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th and congratulate your community on its interest in starting a building and loan association. No community having the proper interest in its citizenship can afford to neglect these great institutions, which not only create additional taxable property, but also better citizens by making them home owners. Their methods and purposes should be kept constantly before the public in order that interest in it may not be allowed to wane and that it may enjoy the full confidence of the citizens."

William Jennings Bryan spoke in the Raleigh auditorium last Friday night, under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club.

## ELECTRIC CURRENT WILL BE TURNED ON FULL TIME

A Fifteen-Day Test Will Be Given Ahoskie Power Plant in May

Expressing a firm belief that the local water and power plant could be more judiciously operated on a 24-hour basis and determined to make a test operation, the town council last Monday night voted unanimously to turn on the current for the full time service fifteen days in May. The 24-hour service will begin Wednesday, May 1 and continue through the month. For the first fifteen days of this month, the plant will run on its present schedule.

During the entire month an accurate record will be kept of the operating expense, and at the end of that time, the two 15-day periods will be checked against each other. The revenue from lights and power will also be compared.

Although May is not the ideal month in which to conduct the test, the present members of the council believe 24-hour service will yield a greater revenue than the present schedule and were willing to make a test while they were in office, their terms expiring June 1.

The council also instructed the clerk to prepare a three-year contract for electric power and submit to A. M. Browne, who expects to conduct a business in the fall that will demand a large amount of power. Mr. Browne had appeared before the board and figured with them on the proposition. He will either install motor or other motive engine within a short while.

Efforts are still being made to sell current to the other adjoining towns, guaranteeing to them a 24-hour service, as well as making it available in Ahoskie. Demand for power in Ahoskie is growing and curtailment of the service or even remaining on the present schedule is admittedly poor business for the town's exchequer, while it offers no inducements to industry either already here or destined to locate in Ahoskie.

The council also voted to enter into a 12-month contract with A. T. Willoughby to sell cemetery lots, and place the cemetery in a more presentable shape. The wall which has been lying on the ground for several months has also been ordered repaired.

## FARMERS MIXING OWN FERTILIZERS

(By H. L. MILLER.)

Last year we succeeded in getting one community to buy potash nitrate and acid phosphate and mix this fertilizer at home. This year the idea was carried much further and three communities in the county are lumping this material to mix between 300 and 400 tons at a cost of \$19.00 per ton on an 8-3-3 basis. This means a saving of nine dollars per ton on the best cash price offered on mixed fertilizers. And home mixing is simplified to a minimum by using this material that carries both ammonia and potash and to which you only have to add acid phosphate in varying quantities to make any grade of complete fertilizer that you want. In addition to the saving of the \$3000.00 on the quantity of home mixed goods used, the farmers are getting in this form of ammonia, the kind that have given best results in all field tests and the kind that is absolutely necessary to use under boll weevil conditions, because of its quick action. Thus, two very important lessons are being taught, and the thing that ought to and does appeal to the average farmer is, that in getting the most desirable form of fertilizer that he can use, he is also getting the cheapest form on the market.

To make us love our county, our country ought to be lovely.—Burke.

## MUNICIPAL OFFICE SEEKERS FAIL TO MAKE STATEMENTS

Vote Soliciting Continues And Workers For Candidates Are Lining Up Forces For Election

DR. J. H. MITCHELL WORKING FOR TICKET

Apparent Quiet Reigns in Trustee Election To Be Held On Same Date

Candidates for municipal offices in Ahoskie have refrained from making public any statement of policy, and except by innuendo and political bushwhacking have developed no real issues in the race for election May 7th. Notwithstanding the failure to make public statements, there has been plenty of political talk, argumentation and vote solicitation for the five offices to be filled.

How the voters, about three hundred strong, will line up next Monday is hard to forecast. E. Hayes and H. S. Basnight, high men in the voting at convention, stand good chances of being elected, but, as between the other four there is little indication of the probable results. There was little difference in votes at the convention, and the more than two hundred who were not there will pick the third man. In the mayoralty race, the two attorneys, L. C. Williams and W. R. Johnson, are pursuing their campaigns with little outward signs of work. Mr. Williams is now serving as mayor by virtue of appointment. He was elected to the office in the days preceding the World War, having resigned to enter the service. Mr. Johnson is the only local attorney who has never held the office of mayor.

O. H. Britton and J. R. Brinkley are fighting it out for the constable's place, which includes the business of tax collecting, and supervision of street work.

While there has been no campaign issues openly advanced, there is talk of "turn out the old and give us the new" going the rounds, and it applies to all the offices to be filled. At the convention held one week ago, it was noticeable that Dr. J. H. Mitchell advanced the candidacy of an entire municipal ticket, and he is the acknowledged leader of the supporters of a complete ticket. His nominees at the convention were: for mayor W. R. Johnson; for commissioners, E. Hayes, D. L. Myers and S. J. Dilday; for constable, J. R. Brinkley. The other candidates have no visible leader, although volunteer supporters are lining up their forces. The opposing candidates are: for mayor, L. C. Williams; for commissioners, H. S. Basnight, J. N. Vann, and J. Roy Parker; for constable, O. H. Britton.

A lot of rumors have been spread about the wastefulness of administration, and practically all of the issues hinge around criticism of this or that action, or denunciation for failure to attain certain accomplishments. Constructive issues are playing little part in the campaign for election.

Operation of the municipal water and power plant has subterfugeously entered into the campaign. A rumor that electric current might be still further curtailed has developed, although the proponents of such a change, if there be any, have not publicly made it known. On the other hand, there is talk of increasing the service now given, the developing of a greater demand for current, and the ultimate building up of the power plant to a paying proposition.

The trustee election is not even causing a ripple on the waters, and little interest is attached to it. Unusually good material has been offered to select from, and the voters are evidently not worrying over who gets the positions.

## Murfreesboro Baptists Open Their New Church

### MEMORIAL FUND STILL GROWING

Mrs. R. C. Bridger, of Winton, announces the receipt of \$23 from the school children and teachers of the Oak Grove public school, to be added to the fund for a marker to Hertford County dead in the World War. This is a fine donation from this country school and will be an incentive to others who have not sent in donations. At Ahoskie the U. D. C. chapter has been trying out several methods for raising funds for the marker, and have met with success in all of them. However, both here and at other places in the county the older people are not keeping pace with the school children and teachers. They are slow to part with a small contribution. If every person were to loosen up with a dollar bill the fund would soon be raised.

## REPORT IS ISSUED BY DISTRICT AGENT

Miss Pauline Smith Keeps Authorities Informed About What Is Being Accomplished

### HERTFORD COUNTY MAKES GOOD RECORD

Miss Pauline Smith, district supervisor of home demonstration work, has submitted her report of work done by the county agents under her jurisdiction. Included in that report is the accomplishments of Miss Myrtle Swindell, of Hertford County, and which compares favorably with the work being done in other counties of northeastern Carolina.

The reports published below have been submitted to the State Agricultural Department, to the Federal Department, and to the county commissioners, providing for them first hand information of what their employees are doing. Reports for the Roanoke-Chowan counties follow:

**Hertford County**  
Miss Myrtle Swindell of Hertford county has continued her work in nutrition with the girls and plain sewing with the women. Both girls and women are working on sport hats. The recreational work has been games, wax work and pottery.

Miss Swindell has perfected the organization of a girl's county council which is perhaps the first organization of its kind in the State. An interesting feature of it is that some girl gives a demonstration at each meeting. Miss Swindell and a committee from the Woman's Club at Winton served a luncheon to the seniors and faculty of Chowan College. It was provided by the young men of the town. The menu was as follows: Pimento and fruit sandwiches; potato salad, pickles, hot tea, nabiscos, and Jello with whipped cream.

Field 23; office 7; clubs visited 20; attendance 283; schools visited 12; attendance 453; meetings held 34; attendance 847; conferences 88; articles for publication 8; homes visited 16; letters 153; circular letters 6; miles auto 273; demonstrations 21.

**Northampton County**  
March is Miss Mattie Lee Cooley's second month in Northampton. In spite of having to paddle, swim and wade through mud and water, she has held 69 meetings with an attendance reorganized practically every club in the county and has visited each school. Instruction in selection of eggs for setting purposes, care and feeding of baby chicks, and plain sewing has been given to the girls' clubs; making dress forms to the women. An organization for a Community Fair at Seaboard has been perfected. Filed 18, office 9; clubs visited 21.

### Inclement Weather Did Not Keep Away The Crowds At Both The Sunday Services

Murfreesboro, April 30—Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the first services were held in the New Baptist Church of Murfreesboro last Sunday morning. The down pour of rain on Saturday night and again Sunday morning made it practically impossible for the people from a distance to attend. However, the auditorium was more than filled at both services.

At the morning service, the pastor spoke on "Renewing the Covenant" using as a text 1 Sam. 11:14. "Let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there". After discussing the situation which called forth this saying and its significance to Israel, the Pastor called upon his own to renew their covenant with God. First as a church and then as individuals. The new plant will give the Church an opportunity for larger fields of service in the Master's cause. The closely following of the covenant we made with God in joining the church and then the church covenant will greatly help us in doing our best for our Lord.

The music was a special feature of the service. The congregation singing was splendid. The building yields itself to good music. The special music was of high order. Miss Nancy Parker sang a beautiful solo. Mr. Thomas B. Wynn sang in his own matchless way a special selection. The Offertory rendered by Misses Lane and Thelma Peterson was greatly enjoyed by all. Mr. W. A. McGlohn made his first appearance in our choir with his violin and played like a seasoned artist.

Rev. H. G. Bryant preached at the evening hour using as his theme "The Place of the Church in Kingdom Work." It was the general conclusion of those who heard him that he beat himself preaching and that is saying quite a great deal. He always has a vital message for those who hear him. Rev. H. G. Bryant and the pastor have been life long friends and it was eminently fitting for him to hold the second preaching service in the church.

Rev. C. C. Wheeler, D. D. is holding a series of sermons at the church this week and will continue through Sunday and on into the following week. If it is convenient, you will want to hear him while he is in our midst. The day service (except on Sunday) will be held at the College Chapel from 10:30 to 11:30 but the evening service will be held in the church at eight o'clock. There will be room for all and you will be profited by hearing him.

State Farmer's and Farm Womens' Convention will be held at the State College this year on July 31, August 1 and 2. Mark these dates on your calendar.

33; attendance 439; schools visited 36; attendance 2515; meetings held 69; attendance 2954; conferences 50; articles for publication 7; homes visited 16; letters 85; circular letters 73; bulletins 31; miles auto 752; demonstrations 17.

**Bertie County**  
Miss Addie Sue Harry of Bertie county held 32 meetings with an attendance of 999. She is in the midst of a campaign for better biscuit. In addition to the demonstration in biscuit making she has made talks before three Parent-Teachers' Associations. She reports that Colerain has a nice new reading room for the boys and girls. It is used as a community house for night and day meetings.

Field 23; office 5; schools visited 32; attendance 999; meetings held 28; attendance 914; conferences 107; articles for publication 2; number of homes visited 12; letters written 45; circular letters 26; bulletins 224; miles by auto 805; demonstrations 21.