

Aurelian Springs Has Successful Closing

The most successful commencement exercises of Aurelian Springs High School came to a close last Friday night with the graduating exercises of seventeen young graduates gowned in caps and gowns. The diplomas were presented by R. Hunter Pope, chairman of the Halifax County board, the speaker of the evening being Dr. Highsmith of Raleigh, State director of High Schools.

On Sunday night, April 20, the baccalaureate sermon was ably delivered by Rev. W. C. Martin of Henderson. Very beautiful and impressive music was rendered by the glee club composed of fifty young men and women.

Monday night the musical recital was beautifully given by Miss Crabtree and her musical pupils. The program consisted of piano solos and duets, two pianos being used, and selections from the glee club.

Tuesday night, to an overflowing crowd of over a thousand people, the grammar and primary grades gave their program, which consisted of a Tom Thumb Wedding, drills, stunts and an operetta.

Wednesday night was given over to the Declaimers and Recitation con-

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tests, and presentation of prizes. Eight contestants competed for the beautiful declaimers loving cup, Perkins Craylew and Hannah Hepinstall being the winners. At this time the musical medals were presented to Dorothea Matthews, Virginia Insoce and Jessie Bell Lewis. The Carr medal for scholarship was presented to Virginia

Insoce and the Balfour medal to Katherine Taylor.

The loving cup for the best attendance went to Miss Burwell Patterson and her first grade. At this time a two-and-a-half dollar gold piece was presented to Miss Patterson, which was given by the school board in appreciation and recognition of her work.

Miss Katherine Carter was presented a gift for the most improvement in writing, and also Master Blair Thompson. About twenty honor certificates were presented at this time.

On Thursday night the senior class held their class day exercises which were very unique and attractively given.

Rescue Two Men From the Roanoke

What came very near being a fatal accident to two visiting fishermen from Rocky Mount near Weldon last Monday night was prevented by S. D. Knight and H. L. Grant.

As Mr. Knight and Mr. Grant, who had been fishing, prepared to leave for home late Monday afternoon two strangers were in the act of unloading an outboard motor. One of the men placed the motor on his back and started to the boat, but when he reached the edge of the river he seemed not able to stop and walked headlong into the Roanoke. Rather than let go his motor, which he tried to swim out with, he sank to the bottom. His companion went to his aid, but he too, seemed unable to pull out. Mr. Knight went to the men, got them to a log where he was assisted in getting them out by Mr. Grant.

The man who carried the motor in the river was unconscious when brought out, but with first aid treatment by the men who rescued him, and medical treatment by Dr. Lassiter, he is said to be out of danger, and on the road to recovery.

Bailey to Make Address At Seaboard on May 9

On Friday morning, May 9, at 11, Hon. J. W. Bailey will deliver the commencement address at Seaboard. This promises to be one of the biggest events to ever occur in Seaboard school. The school is receiving letters daily asking about the address. The authorities are planning to care for a large crowd. In addition to Mr. Bailey, many notables from elsewhere will be among the honored guests for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to be present. Mr. Bailey is almost unsurpassed in speech making.

Jack Scott Injured In Taxicab Wreck

Jack Scott, Warren County pitcher, now with the Toledo Club, is recovering from injuries received last Wednesday when the Yellow Taxicab in which he was riding was wrecked, according to a wire received this week by Mrs. Scott. Two broken ribs and a fracture of his pitching arm was the extent of his injuries.

The veteran pitcher was on his way to the Toledo park for a practice game when the cab in which he was riding collided with another car. He was sold by the Giants to the Toledo club early this spring.

Australia imports owls to kill mice which destroy coconut crops.

Professional Men Divide on Question 18th Amendment

Bankers are divided almost evenly on the question of strict enforcement and repeal of the 18th amendment, teachers are for strict enforcement, lawyers are for repeal, as are a plurality of the physicians, the clergy has a majority for enforcement, according to figures revealed this week by the Literary Digest in its Nation wide poll on the Prohibition question.

The votes of 84,824 bankers, are tabulated. Thirty-five thousand two hundred and ten for enforcement; 15,096 for modification; 34,518 for repeal. The clergy voted 26,863 for enforcement; 3,884 for modification, and 15,912 for repeal. Educators voted 95,422 for enforcement; 22,754 for modification; 38,956 for repeal. Lawyers stand 18,101 for enforcement; 5,743 for modification and 35,886 for repeal. The physicians voted 19,556 for enforcement; 13,568 for modification, and 65,759 for repeal.

CHURCHES FALL OFF

Small Increase of Church Rolls in 1929; Only One-Third of 1928

New York.—An increase of only 300,000 in Christian church membership in 1929, as compared to a gain of 1,000,000 the previous year, was reported today by the Christian Herald in its annual church census.

In the Methodist church, for many years the leader in gains, there was an actual decline of 2,440. Some Methodist sects gained, and these gains were sufficient largely to offset a decline of nearly 25,000 in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which the Herald refers as "the oldest, largest and most vigorous member of the group from the beginning of 1765."

The decline in church memberships increase generally was explained by the Herald as really a return to the normal ration. Last year, when the 1,000,000 gain was registered, was said to be an unusual one.

The gain in the Roman Catholic church, the largest of all in point of membership, was 77,307, against 380,153 in 1928. This diminished gain, the Herald said probably was due to neglect of some of the dioceses to report.

General figures for all churches are:

	Min.	Chs.	Com.
1928	222,202	238,371	49,706,147
1929	225,001	237,290	50,906,566

Gains or losses for the two years are:

	Min.	Chs.	Com.
1929	2,799	*1,981	300,419
1928	4,998	2,380	111,984

*Loss. Numerically, the Catholic Church remained well in the lead of any other church. Next come the Methodist bodies, the Baptists, Presbyterians the Disciples of Christ and Protestant Episcopalians. These have more than 1,000,000 communicants each. Detailed figures for the general

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	Com.	Gains
Catholic	17,299,147	84,308
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Baptist	9,141,866	53,333
Lutheran	2,777,617	62,932
Presbyterian	2,698,132	58,785
Disciples of Christ	2,006,959	34,553
Protestant Epis	1,237,695	22,312
Catholic Oriental	749,125	*13,800
Latter Day	687,095	16,394
Reformed	567,660	3,657
United Brethren	415,443	*4,371
Brethren	166,867	1,756
Adventist	169,787	5,099
Friends	106,230	*6,321
Menonites	100,505	523

*Loss. Jewish congregations by return of the census of 1928, are listed as having a membership of 4,087,357. This membership makes up 2,948 congregations. Jewish ministers in the United States, according to the 1926 table number 1,084.

TWIN CITY HAPPENINGS

Mr. Francis Wyche of Petersburg, Va., spent last Saturday here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wyche.

Miss Sara Carson has returned from a visit to friends at Mt. Olive.

Miss Ella Bradley of Halifax, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. C. Butts on Hamilton Street has returned to her home.

Miss Bertha Poe has returned from a visit to her home at Durham.

Miss Annie Cherry was recently called to Richmond, Va., on account of the illness of her brother.

Mr. Cooper Grizzard, Mr. Tom White and Miss Reba Ray motored to Snow Hill last Sunday.

Miss Maragret Brown has returned from Florida where she spent the winter.

Miss Edna Tickle, who has been a member of the school faculty at Hobgood, has arrived to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tickle.

Dr. W. H. Burrell of Murfreesboro, N. C. preached the opening sermon at the Rosemary Baptist Church in a series of meetings that are being carried on there. Rev. J. L. Hodges of New Bern, N. C., could not be here for the first night, but conducted services during the rest of the revival.

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