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## MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS TO BE ORGANIZED IN AHOSKIE TOWNSHIP.

Movement for the Propagation of Efficiency in Hertford  
County. Volunteer Teachers Plentiful.

The opening gun—a fully loaded  
gun—has been fired in the Moon-  
light School campaign in this coun-  
ty. Hertford County will do her  
part in wiping out illiteracy in  
North Carolina. Yet we do not  
boast of the fact, for we are only  
doing our duty in this matter.  
Mr. Reader, if you did not know  
it, we are right down on one of  
the lower rungs of the intellectual  
ladder, altho our County stands  
at the top in the field of natural  
resources and land productivity.  
We will not be satisfied to stay at  
the bottom in the matter of educa-  
tion; we are going to rise up in  
arms and place old Hertford right  
up at the top where she should  
have been long since.

A small group of those interest-  
ed in this movement met at a call-  
ed meeting on last Friday night  
in the law office of E. T. Snipes in  
the town of Ahoskie. At this  
meeting, altho a small group were  
present, every one was seemingly  
bubbling over with enthusiasm—  
the kind of enthusiasm that ex-  
hibits itself in concentrated, ear-  
nest and united work. Not only  
were those present cognizant of  
the intellectual necessity of an ed-  
ucated citizenship, but every one  
offered his services in carrying on  
this work to the end that Hertford  
County, and at least Ahoskie  
Township, may stand a favorable  
comparison with the very best sec-  
tions of the State.

The plan of campaign is one that  
includes every school house and  
district in the whole township.  
Several young men volunteered  
to give their services at least one  
night in each week to this work,  
and to go out to the several schools  
every week to give instruction to  
any and all who wish to avail them-  
selves of this opportunity to bet-  
ter their intellectual condition.  
Sufficient conveyances were secur-  
ed from those interested to carry  
the volunteers to their allotted  
schools.

It was also further agreed that,  
in order to do the best and most  
efficient work, it was necessary to  
secure the cooperation of the day  
teachers of these schools, and ac-  
cordingly these teachers have been  
asked to join in this movement and  
be present to help out in this work.  
It will be impossible to start these  
schools without due notice to all  
interested, consequently it was  
decided to publish in this week's  
issue of the paper a schedule of

dates on which these schools will  
open.

Now, those who were present at  
that meeting know that the teach-  
ing force for these schools will not  
be lacking. They are eager and  
ready to begin this work, and are  
anxiously awaiting the time of ac-  
tion when they enter the service.  
Furthermore those who have vol-  
unteered to enter this service real-  
ize that there is a host of adults  
in our township that should take  
advantage of this opportunity to  
put themselves on the same plane  
with those who have previously  
enjoyed this privilege.

Rather than being timid and em-  
barrassed over the fact that they  
are just now learning to read and  
write our people should be eager  
to accept the services of those who  
have volunteered to do this work.  
It is not a thing to feel ashamed  
of at all, but rather a fact and a  
privilege to be prized highly.  
The teacher in every instance, who-  
ever he may be, instead of looking  
upon those who attend these  
schools as poor unfortunates,  
will meet everyone as a brother  
and a friend who has been denied  
previous opportunity, and the late,  
never too late occasion to raise his  
personal standard of intelligence.  
The volunteer teachers have asked  
the editor of this paper to make a  
plea—an earnest exhortation—to  
every one who wishes to be in-  
structed in the rudiments of read-  
ing, writing and arithmetic to  
present themselves in person on  
the very first night at the nearest  
school house. Look on another  
page of this paper for the schedule  
of dates.

Our people—people of all classes  
—need to devote more of their  
time to intellectual pursuits. We  
need to read more; read not only  
current facts and figures, but also  
literature of a more intellectual  
nature. There are those who could  
do this if they would, and others,  
who, owing to handicaps, cannot  
enjoy these privileges if they  
would. It is to the latter class  
that the moonlight schools should  
appeal, and it is an appeal worthy  
of any and every man's considera-  
tion. Look for the schedule of  
classes, and be on hand at the ap-  
pointed time. The schools are a  
certainty, and Ahoskie township,  
Hertford County, is on an upward  
trend. All together for an intel-  
lectual, intelligent and efficient  
citizenship in Hertford County!

## Eighth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Drainage Association.

There will be held at Belhaven,  
Beaufort County, North Carolina,  
on November 30th and December  
1st, 1915, one of the most impor-  
tant conventions that has been held  
in the State during the past year.  
This is the Eighth Annual Drainage  
Convention which will be held  
under the auspices of the North  
Carolina Drainage Association and  
the North Carolina Geological and  
Economic Survey. More progress  
has probably been made in drain-  
age work throughout the swamp  
and overflowed areas of North  
Carolina during the past year than  
in any year since the passage of  
the North Carolina drainage Law.  
Questions of every great impor-  
tance in connection with the drain-  
age work of the State will be taken  
up and discussed at this Conven-  
tion. Those attending this meet-  
ing will have an opportunity to  
visit the Lake Mattamuskeet  
District, which is not only the  
largest drainage project in the  
State but is also the most unique  
drainage proposition which has  
been undertaken in the South.  
This work is nearing completion  
and the delegates will have a splen-  
did opportunity to see what drain-

age can accomplish in reclaiming  
swamp areas and making more  
productive lands already under  
cultivation. Delegates will be in  
attendance from nearly all the  
counties in Eastern North Caro-  
lina and very many of the Pied-  
mont counties, where the people  
are interested in the reclamation  
of overflowed lands.

All citizens interested in the re-  
clamation of these swamp and  
overflowed areas, whether from  
the standpoint of health or of in-  
creasing their value as agricultural  
lands, are cordially invited to  
attend and take part in the  
proceedings.

## October Honor Roll of Ahoskie High School.

First Grade: Robert Magee,  
Estelle Newsome, Aubrey Dilday,  
and Lavenia Lee Hill.  
Second Grade: Harry Cope-  
land, Bailey Vaughan, Elmo Jer-  
nigan, Gilbert Slaughter, Eliza-  
beth Gardner, and Virginia Early.  
Third Grade: Horace Johnson,  
Missouri Darden, and Etta Feld-  
man.  
Fourth Grade: Thomas Baker,  
Arthur Greene, Sybil Myers,  
and Mary Sumner.  
Fifth Grade: Emma Early,  
Margaret Copeland, and Lucy  
Gardner.  
Sixth Grade: Blanche Modlin,  
Earl Lawrence, Naomi Hill, and  
Susie Vann Floyd.

## HISTORY OF AHOSKIE M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Methodist Sunday School of  
Ahoskie, N. C., was first organiz-  
ed up stairs of Dr. W. H. Sears'  
store, which stood where Hoggard  
& Stokes' warehouse now stands  
on Railroad Street, on the third  
Sunday in April 1896. Its or-  
ganization was through the efforts  
of Mrs. B. G. Williams, deceased.  
The following officers and teachers  
were elected at the time of its or-  
ganization:

Superintendent, Mr. B. G. Wil-  
liams; Secretary, Mr. Perry Pell;  
Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Downs;  
Teachers: Mrs. B. G. Williams  
and Mrs. J. H. Downs, Miss Stella  
Hayes, Messrs A. J. Parker and  
A. E. Garrett. Thirty-six pupils  
were enrolled.

The records being lost or mis-  
placed, for the year 1897 and '98,  
causes a break in its history, but  
the Sunday School was re-organiz-  
ed the fourth Sunday in November  
1899, up the stairs of Parker and  
Hill's store when Mr. F. Powell  
was elected superintendent. Offi-  
cers and teachers were seven and  
the enrollment of pupils were  
twenty-one. The school then con-  
tinued till the middle of June  
1900, when it was suspended till  
April 5th 1903, when it was again  
re-organized in the old school  
building, with F. Powell, superin-  
tendent, with five officers and  
teachers and thirty-five pupils. On  
August the 30th of that year,  
Prof. W. J. Newbold was elected  
superintendent, which office he  
filled until June 1904. He was  
principal of the Ahoskie Graded  
School and at the close of his  
work here he moved away, when  
Mr. J. J. Hays was elected to fill  
the vacancy. In the fall of this  
year the Ahoskie Methodist Epis-  
copal Church, South, was com-  
pleted and the Sunday School was  
transferred to the church building,  
its final home, where it has con-  
tinued its work since under the  
leadership of the following officers:  
Mr. J. J. Hays, Superintendent;  
Mr. H. W. Stokes, Asst.  
Superintendent; Miss Nellie Baker,  
Secretary and Treasurer, with five  
teachers and forty pupils.

In January 1906, Mr. H. W.  
Stokes succeeded Mr. Hays as  
superintendent, and served two  
years.

Mr. Stokes was succeeded by  
Mr. E. J. Gerock, as superintend-  
ent, who was elected by the Quar-  
terly Conference. Upon entering  
upon his duties the Sunday School  
had nine officers and forty-eight  
pupils.

Mr. Gerock has continued in  
this office for eight years, and  
through his faithful services and  
the co-operation of the Sunday  
School workers there are sixteen  
officers and teachers, three organ-  
ized Wesley Bible classes and one  
hundred and sixty pupils on the  
roll.

Thus it will be seen that through  
the persistent efforts, from very  
small beginning with the blessings  
of God growth and prosperity has  
marked its course.

No more faithful workers could  
have undertaken this task than  
those whose names have been con-  
nected with the official life of the  
Sunday School. The first year of  
its life was indeed a struggle but  
many of the pioneers in the cause  
have had time to rejoice as they  
have lived to see the fruits of their  
labors. Many of the early heroes  
and heroines are still with us and  
are among the most active workers  
in this Sunday School band. And  
let it not be forgotten, but ever  
recorded indelibly on the page of  
the records of the Methodist Epis-  
copal Sunday School of Ahoskie,  
N. C., that a Christian woman was  
the prime mover in its organiza-  
tion—Mrs. B. G. Williams—who  
has long since answered the final  
call, but voices are attuned to sing  
her praises and call her name  
blessed.

In the fall of 1902, the Ahoskie  
Methodist E. Church, South,  
was organized by Rev. B. C.  
Thomson, pastor of the Harrelle-

## FIRE ALARM SYSTEM NEED- ED FOR AHOSKIE.

During the past few weeks  
Ahoskie has been frequently  
alarmed by shrieks of the fire  
whistle. Every citizen of the  
town responds to the call with a  
feeling that its either his home or  
place of business in flames, and in  
a majority of the cases we chase  
ourselves completely out of breath  
over the entire town before we  
locate the fire.

There is no fire fighting ap-  
paratus available for a small town  
that is equal to a "bucket force,"  
and there are enough good fighters  
in Ahoskie to combat and exting-  
uish any fires that ordinarily oc-  
cur here.

One of the reasons why fires  
gain so much headway and result  
in such disaster and excitement is  
in a large degree due to lack of  
organization. We have a fire  
whistle—steam on at all times, and  
a man to blow the whistle anytime  
a fire is reported, besides fifteen  
hundred folks here to respond any-  
time, day or night to the doleful  
call of the fire whistle. It's all  
free.

The thing most needed, in the  
opinion of the writer, is a sched-  
ule of blasts of the fire whistle  
for different sections of the town.  
For an example; one long con-  
tinuous blast for West Church  
Street, and two successive blasts  
for East Church Street, and so on,  
having a different signal for each  
street. A map of this character  
before the town citizens, and a  
copy in the hands of the firemen  
at the meeting would be very help-  
ful in locating fires, and in a good  
many cases fires would be put out  
long before they are located under  
the present system.

A few ladders to be owned by  
the town would be valuable ap-  
paratus in fighting fires. I under-  
stand the town had a few of these  
once in its history, but it seems  
that some painters have taken  
heir to most of these except those  
that have served the purpose of  
kindling.

J. N. Vann.

## Soil Survey for Hertford County.

Editor, Hertford County Herald:

It is most gratifying to an-  
nounce that the Federal De-  
partment of Agriculture in co-  
operation with the State Depart-  
ment, will make a soil survey  
of Hertford County, and will  
publish the same as a map accom-  
panied by a descriptive report of  
soil conditions in the county. The  
Department reports that the field  
work should be completed during  
the winter, and I should think the  
map could be prepared together  
with the report and published by  
June 1916.

I need not remind your readers  
of the importance of this work.  
It will form a useful document  
for sending out to prospective set-  
tlers, and will give those who have  
resided in the county for many  
years information as to its resour-  
ces and soils which they have her-  
to fore possessed. It is a pleasure  
to state that your Board of County  
Commissioners and other citizens  
of the County, including Mr. T. E.  
Vann, have been active in their  
cooperation for this work.

Very sincerely,  
Jno. H. Small.

ville charge. It was organized  
with twenty-four members. Ser-  
vices were held in the school build-  
ing until the church was erected in  
1904.

Thus it will be seen that the rule  
was reversed, the Sunday School  
was the mother of the church and  
it is our sincere desire and prayer,  
that they may both continue to  
grow in numbers and usefulness  
until their influence for good shall  
be seen and felt throughout this  
town and community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. A. E. Garrett and  
Miss Nellie M. Baker.

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