

STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERALD

According to reports of the State Agricultural Statistician, farmers of North Carolina received half the amount of their 1920 crop of tobacco as its 1919 crop, although the former crop was twice the size that of the previous year. The Ahoskie average for 1919 was 51.15 and for last year it was 18.09; while the Windsor market averaged 38.61 and 15.99, respectively.

Thomas C. Atwood, supervising engineer for the construction of the several new buildings at the State University, has assumed his duties at Chapel Hill.

Word H. Wood, newly appointed State Highway Commissioner, has offered his resignation to Governor Morrison, on account of pressure of private business. His successor has not yet been named by the Governor.

Out of the 44 counties that on the 1st of Monday made reductions in the valuation of real estate, under the Revaluation Act, a reduction average of 28 per cent was made.

The next U. S. Good Roads Association will meet at Phoenix, Ark., according to the action of the delegates at the annual convention which was held at Greensboro during all of last week.

Lenoir County last Tuesday voted to issue \$150,000 bonds for the construction of new schools in that county.

According to report given out by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Tarboro, large paper box factory will be established in that city within a short while.

Governor Morrison has reappointed the entire old Board of Elections, headed by Wilson G. Lamb, of Wilmington.

Granite Falls, Lenoir County, last week voted for the issuance of \$75,000 worth of bonds, for the construction of improved school buildings.

Bertie County will stage their county commencement at Windsor on Friday, April 29th.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission last week cut the gas rates in several North Carolina towns and cities.

The Master Plumbers Association of North Carolina held its regular annual convention in the city of Goldsboro last week.

Miss Emma Mary Wooley, President of Holyoke College, addressed the students of Peace Institute at Raleigh last Friday evening.

The International Health Board has established its North Carolina headquarters in Kinston; and will make a study of the malarial diseases of the eastern section of North Carolina.

Craven County Commissioners have decided to revalue the real estate in that county, rather than make a cut reduction on all property now on the list books.

The North Carolina Baraca-Philathia Convention was held in the city of Henderson last week beginning the 21st and continuing through Sunday night, April 24th. This was the best interest and attendance that has ever been held by the North Carolina Association of Baracas and Philathians.

Fullen Memorial Baptist Church of Raleigh was totally destroyed by fire last Friday night. Several other structures in the city were threatened among them being the Wake County clinic, which was run and maintained by Rex Hospital.

A mass meeting was held by the citizens of the town of Scotland Neck one night last week, at which time a law and order league was formed, consisting of the leading citizens of that town; with the purpose of cleaning up the town, morally, and otherwise.

Thomas E. Cooper, prominent banker and business man of Wilmington, has recently disposed of his holdings in Wilmington, and has connected himself with the Merchants National Bank of Raleigh. He disposed of his be-

anking interests to Lieut. Gov. W. B. Cooper.

Two officers of Robeson County were shot and instantly killed near Lumberton last Friday, in an attempt to land several blockaders of that section. The blockaders made their escape.

Mrs. Charlie Dail, young wife of a Pitt County farmer, was criminally assaulted in her home by a negro on last Friday. The citizens of that section organized a posse but were unable to run down the culprit. At the time of the assault Mrs. Dail was attending her baby of a few months.

The County Commencement of the schools of Northampton County was held in Jackson last Friday. The feature of the day was a huge pageant, portraying the early history of Northampton County.

Mrs. William R. Reynolds, of this State, has announced her candidacy for national President of the American Daughters of the Revolution. A national convention will be held soon at which time the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

A. R. Whitehurst, representing Wake Forest College, won first prize (\$75) in the State Oratorical contest, which was held in High Point last Friday night. The declaimer of the State University won the second prize, which was fifty dollars.

A live Chamber of Commerce is in progress of organization at Greenville and much enthusiasm is being manifested by the citizens of that city.

The North Carolina State Medical Association which will meet in Pinehurst this week, is expected to elect Dr. W. S. Rankin, as head of the N. C. Health Department. No opposition to his re-election has shown up.

W. G. Mebane, prominent Republican of Beaufort and editor of a Republican paper in that town, is being urged by eastern Carolina Republicans for State Chairman of that party, to succeed Hon. Frank A. Linney, who will soon vacate the position to accept the appointment as district attorney for the western district of the State.

There is a movement now on foot to issue the State Road bonds in small denominations, preferably one hundred dollars, and offer them for sale to the citizens of this State, appealing especially to automobile owners and garage men to help put over the sale of the bonds.

L. C. Bickett, merchant of Newton, recently disappeared from his home and no trace of his whereabouts can be found. He is a brother of the ex-Governor Bickett.

Students of State College at Raleigh have won their fight for student government, the trustees of that institution having granted them student control at a meeting held Tuesday, to take effect next September.

HARRELLSVILLE LADIES INTERESTED IN BASKETRY

(By Miss Myrtle Swindell)
Last Wednesday, April 20th, the County Demonstrator was accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Shaw and Mrs. E. L. Lowe to Harrellsville, where a basketry demonstration and exhibit was given. The ladies of this community club report a membership of 27 and also have in store for them a rustic table made by Master Richard McGlohon of Winton, this being to them an acknowledgement of the successful drive made by them for increase of membership in their club. During this drive 17 new names were added to their roll. At this large meeting a large order was given for basketry material and many learned to stitches for pine needle and raffia baskets. Hot cocoa and whipped cream with crisp crackers were served. This splendid spirit of hospitality and co-operation is enlivening and may radiate until the remotest section of the county is helped thereby.

GOOD PROGRAM GIVEN AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

EXCELLENT PROGRAM RENDERED SUNDAY P. M.

Members of the B. Y. P. U. of Local Church Have Charge of Services for One Night—Increased Attendance Results from Meeting.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Ahoskie church rendered one of the most interesting programs ever given at the Baptist Church here last Sunday evening, repeating the program which they gave at the Mount Tabor Church a week previous to Sunday night. Under the leadership of Miss Thelma Boyette, the young people of the church carried out a program that is seldom equalled in interest, nor better executed by those taking a part on the program.

The regular Sunday night choir gave up their seats to the young people last Sunday night, and each member of the large congregation attending attested to the fact that those young folks out-sung their elders. In addition to the volume and tone of the hymns sung by the choir, Mrs. Stanley Leary added much to the musical program by rendering a solo.

The subject of the Bible study was "How Can I Best Work out My Own Salvation?" The leader, Miss Boyette, after reading the scripture lesson in connection with the subject, called upon several other members of the Union to discuss various ways in which one might work out Salvation for himself or herself. Among those who took part in the discussions were: Misses Ursie Vinson, Nona Cowan and Mina Holloman, Mrs. George Burgess and J. A. Eley. Mrs. James C. Sessoms recited an appropriate poem.

Following the conclusion of that part of the program, a playlet, entitled "to Die or not to Die," was given by several members of the Union.

The playlet was adapted from the question "to die or not to die," asked by "B. Y. P. U." represented by Miss Vera Bazemore. As B. Y. P. U. wondered about her future, "summer rains," "hot weather," "auto rides," and "summer visitor" came upon the scene, and each told the same tale—that B. Y. P. U. should surely die. Then followed the president of the Union, who was anxious about the future of B. Y. P. U. and feared lest she might be forced to die. Just then three stalwart friends of "B. Y. P. U." came upon the scene and pledged their aid in keeping her alive during the summer months. Thus the playlet concluded with all uniting in the plan to keep the Union alive, and increase the interest.

Rev. Mr. Collins was asked to make a talk, done so very briefly, confining his remarks solely to thanking the young people for the rendition of the excellent program, and wishing for the B. Y. P. U. an increased attendance, greater interest and summer's work. After his remarks, Mr. J. A. Eley announced a meeting of the Union for Monday night, at which all the young people were invited to come, and to become members.

On Monday night, the largest and most enthusiastic session ever held met at the church. Many new members were added to the roll, and plans made for an active Union during the summer months.

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FEW VOTES CAST IN PRIMARY FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL

LITTLE INTEREST TAKEN IN PRIMARY MONDAY

Not Half of the Voters Cast Votes in Primary for Town and School District Officers—Votes Are Cast for Many Different Persons.

The town and school district primary, held on Monday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock, created but little interest among the two hundred or more qualified voters. In all there were only about 80 votes cast for the town officers, and about 90 in the school district primary. It was a pure and simple process of elimination and there was a large list of both women and men who were eliminated, as many received one or two complimentary votes, with a few outstanding leaders for each office.

In the case of school trustees, practically every voter had a friend whom he or she thought qualified to hold the office of trustee, and forthwith cast a ballot for him or for her, as the case might be. With neither of old trustees in the race, voters were at sea when voting time came, as the "lining up" process developed very feebly. Out of ninety votes cast for these offices, the highest candidate received only 16 of the votes.

Those leading for first and second places and who will run it off in the election next Monday are: For Mayor, W. L. Curtis 47, and W. R. Johnson 15; for commissioners, Geo. J. Newbern 41, R. B. Taylor 31, H. W. Stokes 30, J. R. Garrett 15, E. J. Gerock, 15, J. Bailey Barnes 15; for Constable, L. M. Butler 24, and Oscar Britton 19; for school trustees, S. J. Boyette 16, Dr. C. G. Powell 14, Mrs. S. J. Boyette 11, and E. J. Gerock 10.

Votes were cast for many others for each office. E. J. Gerock ran third in the mayoralty race, while the votes for commissioners were scattered over a wide range of selections. For Town Constable Rev. J. J. Barker and Roy Parker received complimentary votes at the hands of their considerate friends. For trustees, Mrs. A. W. Greene was a runner-up, having polled a nice vote; also J. A. Eley received another one of the largest number of votes, next to the four highest named above.

Geo. J. Newbern, who has served four years as town commissioner, had announced previous to the primary that he was not seeking the office again and strongly intimated that he would not accept the office again. His inclinations in the matter had but little weight with the large majority of voters, who cast their ballots for him on the assumption that he would reconsider and accept the office again. Messrs. Taylor and Stokes, members of the present council, were also popular choices for re-nomination.

Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon will visit Hertford County May 13th.

The Third Annual County Council will meet May 13th at the County Seat. Plans are now being made for a Big County Rally and a special program is in the hands of a committee being worked out. A big picnic dinner at the noon hour and an address by Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon some time during the day.

It is hoped to have ready by the next issue of the Herald a full account of the different features for the day.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT AT WINTON TUESDAY A GREAT DAY FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

TUESDAY WAS A GREAT DAY FOR YOUNG FOLKS

Crowds From Every Section of The County Attend The County Exercises

AHOSKIE NOT REPRESENTED

Declamation, Recitation, and Reading Contests Best Ever Held—Brantleys Grove Quartette Sensation of The Day's Program—Dr. Spilman Delivers Address—Winners in Contests Will Be Published Next Week.

Tuesday, April 25th, was school children's Day in Hertford County; and from every section of the County (Ahoskie excepted) the young school children of the County swarmed down upon Winton, where the County Commencement was staged. The older folks were there, too, to give assent to the aspirations of their children, and through the entire day, the "old folks" were thoroughly entertained by the "young folks." "The thrill that comes once in a lifetime" came to the children who participated in the various events, and this thrill was heightened when the school children, who had successfully completed the Seventh Grade examinations, were presented their Seventh Grade Certificates—which mean to them "well done."

This was the second county commencement ever held in the county; but it was a great event for the entire County, for the school children and for the parents of those school children in Winton last Tuesday. The town was running over with people, and the auditorium of the school, although unusually commodious for a town of Winton's size, was packed—windows, doors, aisles and all were filled—and then they stood on the outside awaiting an opportunity to get on the inside.

Before the beginning of the sessions the crowds wandered over the building, viewing the exhibits, which had been arranged below in the class rooms. The exhibits reflected the many sides of modern education, there being a wide range of articles on display. A miniature locomotive made by a young boy of the Holly Springs School attracted a great deal of attention, as did the little log cabin on exhibition. The works in basketry were exceptionally good, as were the fancy work, and maps of North Carolina and Hertford County.

The indoor exercises began at half past ten, with Superintendent Britton presiding. He briefly welcomed these in attendance and announced the first event of the program—the boys' declamation contest. This was followed by recitation and reading contests between the girls. Following these the solo, duet, trio and quartette singing contest was held. The real feature of the entire morning session was the quartette, "Whispering Hope," sung by four little girls of the Brantleys Grove School. Of all the singing by school children, that quartette singing (without accompaniment) was the best ever listened to in a lifetime. One little girl, whose name we have been unable to learn, and who appears to be not over eight years of age, "capped the climax" by her perfect

alto. The audience greeted them with loud and long applause, and the quartette was repeated at the afternoon session, at the unanimous request of those who heard them sing in the morning.

The Herald would be glad to mention every single one of those who acquitted themselves with credit in the different contests of the day, but, if it did so, it would name every single one who took a part. Not one boy nor girl in either of the contests wavered for a moment; not one tim did a contestant "get out"; and withal, every contest was carried out with a smoothness that is seldom the case. The winners in the events of the day were not announced on Tuesday, but they will appear either in another column of this paper, or will be published in the next week's issue.

The morning session was concluded by the Commencement Address, which was delivered by Dr. B. W. Spilman of Kinston, who was introduced by Superintendent Britton.

Dr. Spilman, always a delightful speaker—entertaining, instructive and forceful—told his audience that it was just twenty-six years ago that he came to Winton to make his first commencement address of his career, and consequently, it was a peculiar pleasure to be back in Hertford County again, to speak at the county commencement.

Following his brief introductory remarks, he announced his subject: "The Hertford County Schools of Tomorrow." With clearness, and a marked degree of practicality, he enunciated the several texts that would be found in the curriculum of the school of tomorrow, naming the studies of English language, Latin, Greek, history and Sciences, the subjects of the ordinary schools of today. These subjects, he pointed out, would be borrowed from the present days curriculum, as designing to train the pupils how to think. To these would be added those subjects that would train one to DO something. That, said Dr. Spilman, is where the schools of yesterday have fallen down—they have taught the young children to use their brain, but have failed to teach those subjects which inspire the children to do something.

Speaking only thirty-five minutes, he clearly pictured the schools of tomorrow, as he saw them. Concluding, he said, that the curriculum of the school of tomorrow would teach not only those things that train one's power of thinking but to these would be added those subjects that inspire within the children a desire to do something—"That," said Dr. Spilman, "is the school of tomorrow."

In the afternoon, the singing—chorus—contest was held, followed by the presentation of the Seventh Grade Certificates, by Mr. Preston Vann, President of Chowan College.

The afternoon session closed at half past three, after which the athletic events of the commencement were held, under the supervision of Prof. A. G. Otwell, of the Menola School.

Sunday School Report for Sunday, April 24th.

Colerain, April 25.—Below is my Sunday School report for April 24th: Colerain—attendance 102, collection \$5.45.

Christian Harbor—Attendance 102, collection \$3.54.

Harrellsville—Attendance 78, collection \$55.78.

The Harrellsville offering was for Home and Foreign Missions.

—R. B. LINEBERRY.

A few doses cure break a cold.—adv.