

## County Commencement Held With Great Success

Enthusiastic Audience Hears Contestants in Oratory and Witnesses Athletic Events—Crowd Overflows School Auditorium—Standard Of Excellence Was High—Supervision Excellent

Thursday, May 3rd, was a red letter day in Hertford County. In Winton there was staged the most successful educational gathering, better known as county commencement, that this county has ever known. Ideal temperature coupled with an ideal spring sun brought the crowds from far and near. And such a crowd! The one thing lacking was a place in which to house the folks. The auditorium of the Winton High School building proved too small, and many were forced to remain outside, housed only by the blue dome of the sky. But in spite of the crowded conditions in the auditorium, in which there seemed to be left not even standing room for anybody else, the best of order obtained everywhere. There were no disturbing calls from outsiders; no tooting of automobile horns, which so often mar a public occasion. But as the different contests were staged, interspersed with splendid musical selections, and as contestant vied with contestant, striving for the first prize, the densely packed audience gave itself up to spontaneous applause time and time again, and everybody seemed happy, for no matter who had won out, all had done well, and what more could be desired?

There was no speaker for this day. None had been invited, because nobody wanted one. It was a big annual educational gathering of all the white schools in Hertford County, and the day was too full of interesting events to allow the introduction of a speaker. It was decidedly a children's day, and they were in the front from beginning to end. And let it be said that never have they acquitted themselves better. The standard of excellence reached by all contestants for the different prizes was by far the best Hertford County has yet witnessed.

In the afternoon the throngs poured out to the fair grounds to witness the athletic contests, staged in front of the grandstand. Here were staged contests in which muscle and temperance were victors. The best athletes of Hertford County schools staged different contests which showed out physical strength and stolid endurance. None had been trained for the contests, yet all the events were well staged, and often the crowd gave itself to unrestrained cheering as some favorite among the contestants emerged a victor from the fray. Good humor prevailed everywhere. Even among the contestants themselves and their enthusiastic supporters no disagreement of any kind arose. No note of discord was sounded; no argument begun. This thing was distinctly noticeable. Prof. J. R. Brown, under whose splendid management the contests were staged was in control of the situation, and he and his able assistants were so fair and impartial in their decisions that even had anybody been in the notion to argue, they could find no spot to begin.

Ninety-five boys and girls received from the hands of County Superintendent N. W. Britton, certificates which marked for them the close of their grammar school training, and which will entitle them next September to entrance in any high school in North Carolina. This is by far the largest number of seventh grade graduates that Hertford County has turned out. It speaks in glowing terms of the efficiency of her grammar schools and also of the splendid attendance on the part of the pupils. Altogether it apella progress for our county along educational lines, and that means progress along all lines, for education is at the bottom of all progress, and when advancement is made along that line, great achievements are expected to follow in its wake.

Of the ninety-five graduates the Ahoskie High School furnished twenty-nine, more than twice as many as any other school in the county. Murfreesboro came second with thirteen. The names of the seventh grade graduates, and the winners in the several contests and exhibits follows:

1. Seventh grade graduates
2. Winners in contests.
3. Exhibits that won blue or red ribbons.
4. Athletic events.

- (d) High School boys.
  - IV—(a) Grammar Grade Boys. 100 yard dash. 1. Alexander, Ahoskie. 2. Mitchell, Ahoskie. 3. Bittle, Como.
  - Running Broad Jump. 1. Whedbee, Ahoskie. 2. Brinkley, Ahoskie. 3. Bittle, Como.
  - Running High Jump. 1. Whedbee, Ahoskie. 2. Phaup, Ahoskie. 3. Mitchell, Ahoskie.
  - Sack Race. 1. Edwards, Winton. 2. Newsome, Winton.
  - IV—(b) Grammar Grade Girls. 50-yard Dash. 1. Matthews, Winton. 2. Faison, Winton.
  - IV—(c) High School Girls. Potato Race. 1. Parker, Ahoskie. 2. Askew, Winton.
  - 50-Yard Dash. 1. Parker, Ahoskie. 2. Askew, Winton.
  - IV—(d)—High School Boys. 100-Yard Dash. 1. Faison, Winton. 2. Picot, Como. 3. Greene, Ahoskie.
  - 220-Yard Dash. 1. Greene, Ahoskie. 2. Brett, Winton. 3. Picot, Como.
  - Standing Broad Jump. 1. Harrell, Winton. 2. Green, Winton. 3. Garrett, Ahoskie.
  - Running Broad Jump. 1. Brett, Winton. 2. Faison, Winton. 3. Picot, Como.
  - Standing High Jump. 1. Garrett, Ahoskie. 2. Holloman, Ahoskie. 3. Harrell, Winton.
  - Running High Jump. 1. Holloman, Ahoskie. 2. Brett, Winton. 3. Harrell, Winton.
  - Relay Race—1-2 Mile. Winton won by forfeit, no contestant appeared.
  - Polo Vault. 1. Downs, Winton. 2. Faison, Winton. 3. Parker, Ahoskie.
- The winner of first place in each contest was given (5) points. The winner of second place (3) points, and the winner of third place, (2) points. After all contests were over and the smoke of battle had cleared away, a count was taken, with the result that from the points won by the different schools in all athletic contests, Ahoskie emerged the victor with a score of 66 points. Winton came close second with a score of 61 points.
- Pupils Who Received Seventh Grade Certificates
- Ahoskie Township
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| Ella Bozeman        | Amelia Thomas    |
| Bernard Harris      | Leonard Lane     |
| Henry Miller Harris | Theo Mitchell    |
| Everett Brinkley    | Haywood H. Phaup |
| Helen Doughtie      | Vivian Powell    |
| Elizabeth Cullens   | Pearle Gatling   |
| Foy Cowan           | Glenn Wheedbee   |
| Durward Callis      | Vivian Hyatt     |
| Addie May Cooke     | Emily H. Sumner  |
| Edmund Hill         | Rue Mitchell     |
| Nellie M. Baker     | William Baker    |
| Rebecca Feldman     | Haywood Modlin   |
| Leo Alexander       | Harold Vert      |
| Henry C. Odom       | Craig Vaughan    |
| Myrtle Greene       |                  |
- Hickory Chapel School
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| Ruby Wiggins | Wilma Dilday |
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- Harrellsville Township
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| Annie Newsome   | Bernice Harrell |
| Elizabeth Smith | Cecil White     |
| Myra Scull      | Hilton Modlin   |
| Bonnie Earley   |                 |
- Bethlehem School
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| Glady's Jernigan |  |
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- Maneys Neck Township
- Como School
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| Nellie Werrill | Margaret Bryant |
| William Taylor | Dillard Riddick |
| Lottie Moore   | Mary Hedgcock   |

## TOWN ELECTION WAS RESPECTED CITIZEN CARRIED OFF CALMLY SUDDENLY STRICKEN

Mayor Williams Is Re-Elected And New Commissioners Named      Mr. Robert Holloman of Ahoskie Dies Suddenly At His Home Saturday

The town election of a mayor, three councilman and the constable, sometimes exalted by the title of Chief of Police, passed off quietly on Monday, the 7th of May. Though the election was a calm one, more interest was manifested in the outcome than has been seen in AHOSKIE in many a day. A crowd gathered outside the office of the Chamber of Commerce, in which the polls were held, shortly after sundown and the adjoining drug store sold "dopes" in great number. The work of the poll holders and judges was closely scrutinized through the plate glass windows and many crowded into the drug store to hear the count. The unofficial tally men checked the candidates' vote as called and the news of the result was broadcast over town with greater speed than would have been possible even by an extra edition of the HERALD.

Added to the interest of the town ticket, which was counted first, was the election of three school Trustees for the AHOSKIE Graded School District. Much interest was apparent in the efforts of a number to forecast the chances of the two ladies who were candidates on this ticket. Fortunately or unfortunately, as the case may be, the rule of the sea, i. e. "Women and children first," did not apply in this case. Both ladies were defeated, but by narrow margins.

Very little electioneering was evident on the part of any of the candidates, though some bets were freely offered with no takers seen. The poll holders and judges were forced to close down shop and take a temporary vacation about seven-thirty o'clock when Hon. William A. Hart, of Tarboro, State Highway Commissioner for this district arrived on the scene. Many of the citizens welcomed the opportunity of getting into the Chamber of Commerce offices to hear Mr. Hart express himself, but if they aspired to tarry long, their hopes were short lived. Chief Britton was on the job that time and promptly ejected all after Mr. Hart left, so that the count of the ballots might be completed.

Below is listed the total vote for each of the several candidates as officially given out by the judges of the election.

For Mayor (Vote for One)	
L. C. Williams	142
W. R. Johnson	60
For Town Commissioners (Vote for Three)	
E. Hayes	138
H. S. Basnight	124
D. L. Myers	97
J. N. Vann	83
J. Roy Parker	78
S. J. Dilday	77
For Constable (Vote for One)	
O. H. Britton	114
J. R. Brinkley	80
For School Trustees, Two Year Term (Vote for One)	
O. W. Hale	94
Dr. Paul H. Mitchell	84
For School Trustees, Six-Year Term (Vote for two)	
Dr. L. K. Walker	125
W. L. Curtis	94
Mrs. C. C. Hoggard	78
Mrs. E. Hayes	50

There's one crop too many Tarheel farmers neglect—the crop that the farm pond might produce. Fish feed themselves.

Jennie Sue Bryant	Virginia Hill
Antonette Darden	
Murfreesboro Township	
John Lawrence	Dorrie Woodward
Gary Vinson	Jessie Griffith
Brandol Boyette	Mildred Pipkin
Livingston White	Mamie Evans
Mary Ellis	Bernice G. Hines
Helen Payne	Linwood Parker
Rousseau Parker	
Woodrow School	
Magdeline Darden	Agnes White
Ruth Hunter	Julian Vann
Hope Grove School	
Bernice Brette	Easie Mae Vinson
Billie Garris	
Mapleton School	
Estelle Dixon	
St. John Township	
Everette Miller	Vergie Horton
Mabel Claire Dunn	Louise Dunn
Ray Lassiter	Cooke Hayes

In the departure of Mr. Robert Holloman, who died suddenly at his home last Saturday afternoon, the town and county suffers a distinct loss. Mr. Holloman, while working in his garden about 1:30 o'clock, was seen to fall; assistance soon reached him and he was tenderly carried to the house and Dr. A. W. Greene hastily summoned. Dr. Greene, upon arrival and examination, pronounced him dead as a result of heart failure.

Mr. Holloman was 71 years of age and an honored citizen of Ahoskie and Hertford county. Though his family and friends were conscious of his affliction and a ripe old age, the end came with a profound degree of surprise to all, his death being a blow to the entire community.

Mr. Holloman was born in the Union section of Hertford County. For many years he had been a resident of Ahoskie and took a deep interest in the social and civic life of his community. For a long period he had been a deacon in the Ahoskie Baptist church and active in church affairs. He had also served for several years as Mayor and as a member of the Town Council.

Surviving the deceased is one brother, Mr. Pleasant Holloman of Union; three sisters, Mesdames Alice Askew, of Lewiston, Dora Britt, of Union, and J. S. Drew of Lawrenceville, Va. He leaves in his immediate family three daughters and five sons who are Mrs. Sarah Floyd of Newport News, Va., and Misses Ming and Maude Holloman of Ahoskie; Messrs. Shirley Holloman, of Norfolk, Va., Peyton Holloman, of Washington, N. C., Ross Holloman, of Pinners Point, Va., Abner and Paul Holloman of Ahoskie. All were present at the funeral.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at one o'clock in the Ahoskie Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. E. J. Isenbower, assisted by Rev. C. L. Dowell, of Franklinton, Dr. R. T. Vann, of Meredith College and Rev. Barber of Ahoskie. A large concourse of people were present at the services to pay their respects to the departed kinsman, friend and neighbor.

The remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery amid a wealth of floral tributes from many friends. All business houses of the town were closed during the funeral hours as a mark of respect to this life long and honored citizen of Hertford County.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral and interment were Mr. Clarence Askew, of Lewiston, Mr. and Mrs. Story, of Eure, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry of Harrellsville and Miss Irene Parker of Rocky Mount.

### MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

The following special program will be given at the Methodist church in observance of Mother's Day, Sunday morning, May 13th.

Song, "Thou God of All the Mothers" By choir.

Song, "Making Mother Happy" By school.

Recitation, "Our Mother" — Delores Camp.

Recitation, "God's Gift" — Louise Walker.

Song and recitation, "Mother's Songs" — Leonora Applebaum and Louise Mitchell.

Recitation, "Ned's Secret" — Sidney Bowers.

Duet, "O Mother Mine" — Mrs. Boyette and Miss Nellie Baker.

Reading, "Mothers" — Mary Sumner.

Recitation — Margaret Walker.

Song, "The Mother Who Prays For Her Boy" — Choir.

Recitation, "The Boy His Mother Thinks He Is" — Wendell Rogers.

Recitation, "That's Mother" — Frances Boyette.

Motion Song, "By-Lo-Land" — Small Children.

Solo, quartette, "Home and Mother" Song, "When I Get Home" — Choir.

"Birds of a feather" not only flock together but they are more profitable than mixed breeds. Get rid of the mongrel fowls and use only pure breeds, suggests the farm extension workers of another State. The same is true in North Carolina.

666 quickly relieves constipation, biliousness, headaches, colds and grippe.

## Hon. William A. Hart Speaks On Good Roads

Hears Delegation From Hertford, Bertie And Gates Counties In Aulander Monday In Interest of "Somerton Route" — Later Talks To Citizens Of AHOSKIE About Highway Routing

Acting upon numerous petitions from citizens in Hertford Bertie and Gates counties, Hon. William A. Hart, of Tarboro, State Highway Commissioner for the First District met a number of representatives of these counties in Aulander on Monday, May 1st. The meeting was held in the interest of getting the State Highway Commission to take some action toward adding a stretch of road from Roduco, on Route 30, in Gates County, to the Virginia line near Somerton.

The meeting was called to order and, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, Mr. Chas. H. Jenkins, of Aulander, was elected as acting chairman. Mr. Jenkins introduced Hon. Thad A. Eure, Mayor of Winton, who outlined concisely the projected route and explained in detail the desires of those present. He presented a petition signed by a number of Gates County freeholders requesting the addition of the "Somerton Route" to the system of state highways. Mr. Eure covered the advantages to be obtained by the addition of this route, both to the citizens of Gates and the Roanoke-Chowan section.

Secretary Frank P. Meadows, of the AHOSKIE Chamber of Commerce, was next introduced. He emphasized the need for the route, urging the assembled body to consider the saving in mileage to everyone traveling over the route from any point west and south of Winton and AHOSKIE to Virginia points. His plea for an unselfish and unbiased attitude on the part of those present met with applause. Mr. Meadows read letters from unprejudiced writers, among them the secretary of Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, advocating the adoption of the route from the standpoint of mileage saving and the avoiding of railway crossings. He appealed to the body to get down to hard facts and cut out the oratory, asking for Mr. Hart's decision based on his own good judgment.

Mr. Godwin, attorney from Gates, was next introduced and made an impressive oratorical speech, demanding the route from a standpoint of its imperative need to the entire state. He stressed the fact that such a route would not benefit his home town of Gatesville, but he wished to take the unselfish attitude for the advantage accruing to the section south of Gates.

Mr. Hart next spoke, outlining the plans of the Highway Commission and their willingness to do what was right. He told the delegation that he could not add another mile to the roads already mapped but would be willing to maintain any road that Gates would build from Roduco to the state line. As an alternative, he said that he would build the "Somerton Route" if the people of Gates would be willing to take that instead of the connection as at present projected to Corapeake. Here the Gates delegation couldn't see the unselfish side of the matter; they wanted both routes. Mr. Hart spoke feelingly of the position that certain citizens had taken in not wanting better roads and the ingratitude displayed by some in making exorbitant claims for damages when their land was materially enhanced in value by good roads. He told the assembled body that he was giving this section a hard surfaced road from the Williamston bridge over the Roanoke river, across the Chowan and on through Sunbury. He stated that soundings were being made in the Chowan at Winton and the contract was to be let at once for a thoroughly modern bridge at that point. His sincere expressions were appreciated by all present and a vote of thanks was extended by acclamation for his attitude. After some further queries had been answered, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Hart was accompanied by his engineer, Mr. Gardner, and his trip to this section completes a tour made in the last days over his entire district, more than a thousand miles being traveled in automobiles over completed, contracted and projected roads and bridges. Mr. Hart continued through AHOSKIE to Winton and returned to AHOSKIE to meet a number of interested citizens of this town at the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

This meeting was called to order

by Secretary Meadows, who outlined briefly a plan approved by the Chamber of Commerce to bring the highway two blocks up Church street and then north to join the present road to Winton. He called on Dr. Powell, of the Board of Trustees of the school to state the reason for this request. Dr. Powell spoke briefly of the dangers attendant to about 350 school children crossing the highway four times daily and said that his request was made with the object in view of avoiding the school building, which sets back only forty-four feet from the edge of the surveyed road. Mr. Hart stated that he had looked over the lay of the land and found that this would entail about eight hundred feet additional construction at a cost of \$8,500. He further said that this would not prevent him from making the change, but he was of the opinion that two right angle turns in the road would be of greater danger to lives than to run the road as planned at present.

Several other members of the Board of Trustees were heard, as well as other citizens. After all had spoken, Mr. Hart stated that he would give the matter his consideration and render his decision after looking to the best interests of all concerned. Dr. Powell then announced that he had complete confidence in Mr. Hart's sincerity of purpose and was willing to accept his decision without opposition. He called for a vote of appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Hart and it was given with a will by all present. Dr. J. H. Mitchell stated that Mr. Hart should run the road as he thought best, as he knew best how it should go. The meeting adjourned to allow our distinguished visitor to catch his train. He expressed himself as being much pleased with his reception in AHOSKIE, and complimenting our town on its progressive spirit and particularly on its Chamber of Commerce.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOVES INTO NEW OFFICE**

The AHOSKIE Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated upon the new and attractive office opened last week on the ground floor of the building on Main Street formerly occupied by the Ahoskie Ice Cream Company. A rented office space has been provided for Secretary Frank Meadows and the entire front lobby is most conveniently arranged for the public. A writing desk has been built in and pens, ink and stationery await the use of those who desire to write; industrial and agricultural publications, as well as the daily newspapers and the Hertford County HERALD, are there that "he who runs may read." Visitors from out of town are cordially invited by the secretary to meet their friends at the AHOSKIE Chamber of Commerce. The Hertford County Building and Loan Association will make headquarters in the same place and stockholders are urged to feel free to drop in at any time.

**MOTHER'S DAY MAY 13th**

How are you going to observe it? How glad we should be for the day that is nationally observed as Mother's Day. Our love for mother is so apt to be neglected by the affairs of every day life that it is good to have a certain day on which we can pay her homage. Do something unusual for her and make her happy.

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