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THE BONUS BILL

President Harding has killed off all hopes ex-service men might have had of receiving any cash remuneration from the Federal Government. A spineless Congress, hedged in by pre-election promises to the fellows of high finance on the one hand and fearing the loss of the service man's vote on the other, passed a bonus bill that could never meet the approval of sane business.

Had the President shown as little business sense as Congress and affixed his official o. k. to the bill, few, if any, of the supposed beneficiaries would have ever lived to realize the face value of the mythical bonds. The certificate plan of paying off the bonus would furnish the financial schemer just another excellent opportunity to get some Federal Treasury money easily and with little or no effort.

The ordinary service man who hollered loudest for the passage of the bonus bill was of the class that needed some ready cash, or, at least, that wanted some easy money. Under the certificate plan of payment, several years would have elapsed before full payment could be made. But, there was a clause providing for one-half payment in cash by banks or individuals after satisfactory endorsement had been made.

That is where the schemer—the fellow with some cash and no principle—would have had easy pickings. The service man would have received a small pittance; the other person or corporation would get the money; and the taxpayers would pay the piper.

FARM EXTENSION WORK

An article in the last issue of the HERALD forecasted an attempt to abolish the office of Farm Demonstrator and Home Demonstrator. That there will be an effort made to "save the taxpayers' money" by chopping off the county appropriation for the work in Hertford County is not an aimless forecast of this newspaper.

Retrenchment is a nice sounding word especially when used by a candidate who believes voters can be easily led to the polls by a vague promise to reduce taxes. Nobody wants to see public money squandered, certainly this newspaper would be the last to advocate any needless waste of the taxpayers' money. It has not been its policy to condemn every expenditure made by the county administrative board nor has there been any cry raised for appropriations for work and projects of no benefit to the taxpayers whose money pays the expenses of the county.

The advocacy of good roads, better school facilities, improved health conditions, and better farm and domestic conditions still is the one thing the HERALD will continue to do.

SEEN AND HEARD THIS WEEK

BY THE OFFICE CAT

Getting fresh in this column almost put a kink into the cat's tail last week. It seems as how a few remarks were passed about lack of law enforcement in Ahoskie. Our mayor did not like any insinuations reflecting upon the dignity of the municipal court, and he told us so. There was no mistaking what he said. Reminded of two recent fist cuffs, he said, "yes, there's a lot of criticism going the rounds about not 'pulling' this or that fellow, but, when you seek to swear out a warrant, no one can be found who knows anything at all." The buck has been passed.

Is that the brand of folks we have here in Ahoskie? Do we wink at violations of the law? Or do we have a minority in Ahoskie active enough to defeat the administration of law and justice, while the majority assume a "holier than thou" attitude and refuse to raise its voice against law violation? Either is a reflection upon the sense of justice of Ahoskie citizens. There's a loose screw somewhere; or the office cat is a "nut."

The Aulander Advance says "the law is being winked at" in that town; and ascribes to public opinion the reason therefor. Lack of a sense of justice is a serious hampering force against a proper enforcement of law by officers; but sometimes an officer is found who risks his own popularity by diligently running down every clue instead of becoming a "me too."

Whispers of the days of '98 were heard among the Republican delegates in Ahoskie Saturday. "A fellow would kill his brother just about as quickly as he would eat a meal," said one of the visitors. "In those days it was not a question of who had the greatest number of ballots; the fellow who could handle a gun dexterously was invariably a winner."

Some of these folks living along the State Highway that leads to the Roanoke river bridge at Williamston have seen more automobiles and more persons during the last two weeks than during the whole of their lives heretofore.

Passengers arriving here on the Atlantic Coast Line trains have to use heroic measures to crowd themselves by the express trucks and mail wagons in order to reach the station. Persons boarding the trains also resort to the same tactics. On two different occasions last week freight cars completely obstructed a view of the station, and a walk way hardly wide enough to admit a single file was left for the passengers.

Building roads in Hertford County is an uphill business. This spring and summer when Superintendent Hines had everything lined up for several months of real construction along came the rains that vied with the torrents of Noah—and the plans went awry. Automobiles spent much of their time stuck up in the mud; and between efforts to pull out, they heaped invectives upon the road forces. Then came fair weather and a chance to get down to work. But, since the advent of favorable conditions, the road folks have to spend much of their time trying to explain why more has not been accomplished. Already the grumblers have forgotten all about the rains that fell during the spring and summer.

Not only are the Republicans out after somebody's scalp, but among the Democratic nominees for the office of road commissioner there lurks a well defined hope that a monkey wrench can be thrown into the cogs of the road building machinery. Economy will probably be the pseudonym under which the forces will work to destroy the organization, if possible.

"I declare, the whole country is going bankrupt; we are spending too much money," said one Ahoskie man after returning from a sight-seeing trip to the Williamston bridge. Now, the question arises, what are we going to do to stop this extravagance? There's one way to do it—stop building modern highways.

It believes money wisely expended for these things is not waste. Farm demonstration work, properly directed and competently administered, are needful adjuncts to a better county life; and, this newspaper would be the last to advise the abolishment of either office.

"I wish to publish in your valuable paper the following article, which is there are things that are occurring in your county that should be attended to." That is the opening sentence of an anonymous letter received at the HERALD office Tuesday morn. The letter was mailed in Ayden, but bears no signature. Whoever our unknown contributor may be we profess ignorance. One thing we are certain about: that he, she or it, does not have any kindly feeling for Hertford County's clerk of court. By all the rules and regulations of this office the full contents of the letter is barred from publication unless the author and writer thereof thinks enough of himself, herself or itself to accompany it with a signature.

The office cat expects to conduct a boosters' and knockers' column; and he is entirely amenable to the whims and fancies of others not connected with the paper. But, paste it in in your hat and don't forget that all communications must be accompanied by the author's signature. Otherwise, to the rubbish pile it goes.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WILL ELIMINATE MANY REGRETS

Did you ever write your "sweetie" a letter and then regret you had put into it some of the things written? Or have you entertained grave fears about the effect a certain letter might have upon the person to whom addressed; and wished that you had it back into your possession before Uncle Sam has had time to deliver it? To those who have spent sleepless nights worrying about the letter mailed and regretted, the postoffice department now furnishes a formula of procedure, if it ever happens again. You can get your letter back from the postmaster, or, in extreme emergencies, you may have it recalled even after it has been locked into the railway mail pouch. All you have to do is furnish convincing proof to the postmaster that you wrote and mailed the letter. In case it is already on the train enroute to its destination, you may have the postmaster wire for its return. That is the ruling recently made by Postmaster-General Hubert Work.

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