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With three road commissioners saying no and three countering with yes, from whom is Superintendent Hines to take orders?

Hertford County is planning to help Judge Francis D. Winston and his Bertie folk celebrate the centennial anniversary of the formation of its sister County. "The Judge" says the gates are down, all barriers removed, and the invitation without restriction.

It should be unnecessary to hammer upon the proposition of a chamber of commerce for Ahoskie; but it is not. Remembering that little saying about "constant dripping, etc." the Herald reminds Ahoskie people of the meeting called for Friday night. If for no other reason than to be entertained, be there to hear Mr. Bartlett. He will appreciate your mere presence, even if you hesitate on joining forces with those who are working hard to perfect a chamber of commerce.

Ahoskie needs a better school plant. That is a rather trite saying, and yet it is just as true as it is a hackneyed expression. Whatever else we people may fail to do, there are none who is not ready to help provide the very best advantages for the boys and girls who seek a liberal education. Reports about the inadequacy of the Ahoskie school buildings are not exaggerated, and a visit to the school will dissipate all fears one may entertain about agitation for something we do not need. We are not going to permit public education suffer for lack of a proper backing. There will be better facilities provided, and the children and their teachers will not have to wait always for it.

W. S. Hart, Highway Commissioner, says Ahoskie people do not want anything. That is the sum and substance of an interview a few of the Ahoskie citizens had with the Commissioner a few weeks ago. He mentioned in connection with the statement the hand full of Ahoskie persons who attended a good roads rally here last fall before which he was advertised to speak. There was then a prospect of this section drawing some funds from the State for highway construction. An indication that the people wanted it was the one thing Mr. Hart was looking for; but, when he appeared here to speak, probably a dozen people went to hear him. That is one thing we want to learn—if Ahoskie is to add to its wealth in any of its phases, its people will have to get in the habit of asking for something, and backing it up with reasons for the demand.

CENSORSHIP LOSING OUT

That American people are antagonistic to strict censorship

of any kind is reflected in the revolt spreading through the country against the idea of moral censorship. The reins were tightened during the World War, and American people became submissive to the will of the censor. It was a sacrifice on their part, and was to them just another way in which they could "help win the war."

Some reformers conceived the idea of applying censorship to moral conduct, and during the last few years the fever has grown instead of diminishing. Among the ranks are hordes of pigmy fellows who grasp at the moral censorship plan to gain for themselves a little notoriety. Many of them go around ranting about the social evils of the day; and adopt as the method of correction forcible suppression, by prescribing strict rules of censorship and attempting to force them upon unruly subjects.

Through moral persuasion and good precepts the social order is to be changed, if really it needs changing. Those who violate the rules of orderly society go deeper into the mire when the ultra-reformer comes along with his fixed rules of conduct—rules that the most orthodox fail to observe. Preachments do little good if there is not behind them the precept.

SAMPLE COPIES ARE MAILED THIS WEEK

Five hundred extra copies of the HERALD are being printed this week, and distributed to non-subscribers in Hertford and Bertie counties.

The price of this paper for one year is \$1.50 in advance. That hundred of people believe it is worth the money is attested by the paid-in-advance subscription list of this paper. For years these subscribers have regularly paid \$1.50 for the paper. We pride ourselves upon the stability of our subscribers; they are sticklers.

To show our appreciation of their loyalty and to give countless others a chance to become members of "our family" the HERALD will be sold for \$1 a year during a period of 30 days, beginning October 1. No subscription will be taken for less than one year at the dollar rate. That is absolutely the sole restriction upon this special offer of one-third off.

There will be no campaign inaugurated to tell any of you what a good paper this is. You are on our mailing list to receive a few copies of the paper, and you'll be the only judge of its merits.

NEGRO BEING HELD FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Caught At Aulander Saturday Night Held For Breaking Into Local Store

William Henry Johnson, colored, was nabbed by Chief of Police Modlin of Aulander last Saturday night, and is being held at the Hertford County jail in Winton upon a charge of stealing a brace and bit from the Ahoskie Light plant, and attempting to break into the Army and Navy store at Ahoskie.

Johnson came to Ahoskie about two weeks ago by the freight train route. For several days he was employed at the Ahoskie light plant, Sunday night, September 17, an attempt was made to break into the Army and Navy store here, and he was suspected. At the same time the brace and bit and other tools were missed at the light plant.

Oscar Britton, Ahoskie chief, had been on the look out for him and notified the Aulander cop. Saturday night the capture was effected at Aulander. When caught, Johnson had in his possession a bag of clothes, and the brace and bit. He denied having stolen any of the articles, although the tools were identified. Where he secured the clothes has not been determined. It was learned that he had sold one suit of clothes for \$8 to defray his expenses.

He was remanded to jail without bond and is now awaiting trial in Superior Court at the October term.

Among the extensive publications now in demand is Circular 131, "Judging Livestock and Poultry." Ask for your copy by number on a post card addressed to the Editor, Division of Publications, State College, Raleigh, N. C.

SEEN AND HEARD THIS WEEK

BY THE OFFICE CAT

"Fifty-two teachers were entertained by the Rotary Club Wednesday night. The feature of the evening was the impersonation of the old fashioned teacher and the new teacher by young men in female attire. Young masculine flappers with rolled stockings, bobbed hair, and rouged lips had no trouble in passing the mock board without a question as to their knowledge, but the old maid teachers were turned down with a glance. Presently, the old maids returned with rolled stockings, bobbed hair and other "modernities" and they, too, passed without a challenge amid the roar of laughter of Rotarians and the 52 teacher-spectators. No, that was not in Ahoskie; Kinston was the place.

A certain young man of Ahoskie went to church last Sunday. That should cause no comment. But this young man earned the sum of \$10 by so doing. From the center of town at midnight he went there and back blindfolded.

"Policemen are needed on that Roanoke bridge and dam at Williamston," says Billy Rogers, Ahoskie lawyer. The Ahoskie attorney was one of the Sunday sight-seers at the bridge, and he brought back a vivid tale of how two fellow wayfarers engaged in a little game of battery and assault, while he and his family sat nearby in their car awaiting the end of the bloody tilt. The fight was the result of a dispute over the whyfor of one fellow's being stuck in the sand. Several loose teeth, and a broken arm resulted.

D. R. McGlohon, Clerk of Superior Court, says he is about to become caloused to personal criticism, although he thinks but little of the fellow who did not have the nerve to bring his complaint direct to the county office rather than write an anonymous letter to the County paper.

"Misunderstanding of the law often is the cause of unmerited criticism," says Mr. McGlohon. "Everything done in this office is in accordance with the strictest rules and regulations, and I always try to keep the very closest tab on every transaction consummated. I do not expect smooth sailing all the time, but this business of taking a thrust at me incognito is nauseating."

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF AHOSKIE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1922.

Receipts blank
Expenditures

That's all we know about it. How many other taxpayers have any idea about what became of the money they paid into the town treasury, 1921 taxes? When the answers come in, there'll be another blank.

J. E. Melson, route four, Ahoskie, says he has out at his plantation a pretty good sample of what the stock law does for the pork-producer. He has 14 hogs "as pretty as you ever laid your eyes on," bred and raised in pasture. He shipped four of them to Norfolk Thursday.

J. J. Fairless of the Christian Harbor section visited us Wednesday, Circus Day. Mr. Fairless has been on the subscription list of this paper since it first began publication, thirteen years ago. "I am pretty old but not too old to enjoy the snappy paper you are giving us," said Mr. Fairless.

We are always glad to have our subscribers pay us visits. Not only do we invite you because we like to see you, but right here you'll see the most modern newspaper and job printing plant in the entire surrounding territory. Come around and look it over when you are in Ahoskie.

Everybody, his wife and brood, including the little fondling came to Ahoskie Wednesday to see Mr. Sparks' Circus.

"Buy a brick," is the slogan over in Murfreesboro. The Baptists of that town are selling bricks for their new church building now under construction. Lucky is the fellow who gets out of town without planking down a "plunk."

Grain seed for fall sowing can be purchased cooperatively at a great saving. One county agent recently ordered 200 bushels of rye.

Fifty to one hundred hen on every farm will afford a cash income that is not to be despised. A. G. Oliver, poultry club specialist at Raleigh will tell you how.

AARON SAPIRO WILL SPEAK

A telephone message received by the HERALD, Thursday afternoon, stated that Aaron Sapiro, Co-Operative Association organizer and lecturer, would speak in Ahoskie October 5, at 3 o'clock p. m. The speaking will be in the high school auditorium, and all farmers and business men are invited to attend.

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