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OUT OF PLACE

Vulgar shows and traveling public dancing halls, usually known by the ancient name "Forty-Niners", are distinctly out of place at a rural county fair, or any other fair for that matter. When these things are permitted to operate within a fair park, the high purposes and ideals which fairs are organized to promote become subsidized for the very things for which a decent society has no place except obliteration and destruction. If these are to become synonymous with fairs, it is about time to clean up house. The State Fair has already done it, and so have many other successful fairs, and they have not stopped operation.

OUR LAWYER-EDITORS

When Hon. J. Lloyd Lawrence of Murfreesboro became editor of the Hertford Observer the third lawyer in the three counties comprising the Roanoke-Chowan section was ushered in as a member of the Fourth Estate. Bertie County already has two lawyer-editors, J. H. Matthews of the Windsor Ledger, and Alaric Simpson of the Aulander Advance.

Lawyers are usually men of speaking ability, and it follows as a rule that they can do a neat job of putting their thoughts down on paper. If the average attorney can prosecute public evils through a newspaper as nobly as he can a criminal in court; and, if he can uphold the better things with as much zeal as he can that of a client in court, newspapering should be a place for the lawyer's unoccupied time.

Luckily, Editor Lawrence is one of that kind who can wield a virile pen, and enjoys the confidence of Hertford County people. The editorial utterances of Hertford County's new publication will doubtless have a forcefulness behind them. The newspaper business, especially the weekly press, although steadily eliminating the slovenly and irresponsible writer, still needs men who can measure up with those of other leading professions.

A STANDARD ROAD

Hertford County is already put down to draw a nine-foot hard surface road, Aulander to Winton. The State Highway Commission, through Commissioner W. A. Hart of this district, has sent word to Hertford folks saying "don't be uneasy; you will get it."

Patience has characterized the people in this County from the very start of the state road building program. It has almost amounted to disinterestedness and don't-care-ness. With little or no effort, the County has seen the construction of the Murfreesboro-Winton road begun and now well under way. This has come to us in spite of predictions that

we would be lucky to get a bite.

The Aulander-Winton highway is one of the most important links in the system that is designed to reclaim the Eastern Lost Provinces. It will be the route of motorists from the counties beyond the Roanoke, via the Williamston bridge; and connects at Winton, via the bridge (promised), with the counties across the Chowan. It will have to take care of that travel.

As a State unit it is important that it be of standard width, all concrete. Leading to the county seat, as it does, it is one of the most traveled roads by the county folks. It is important from a local standpoint that it be as good as the best.

These considerations coupled with the fact that the taxpayers of the County have encumbered themselves to the amount of a half million dollars with which to connect county roads with the State system are just about enough to make out a tolerably fine case against the State Highway for stopping short of giving the 16-foot road of hard surfaced type.

Ahoskie has started to do the very thing so many of its own citizens and many outsiders have been preaching for some time—she is cleaning herself up.

We had lots rather see a woman issued a certificate as United States Senator than allow her to operate an automobile on a busy town or city street. As a Senator she can do no more harm than the fellows who warm the seats in Washington; but, as unlicensed chauffeur, she is a dangerous woman.

"One Day For The Orphans" is asking little from those who not only have ordinary earning power, but are also blessed with forbears. That is what every person is expected to do some time during the Thanksgiving season. There are orphanages in the State that await funds with which to become fathers and mothers to the parentless child. Don't forget that duty and privilege you have to help them do it.

The window and porch boxes in which the flowers grew so lovely during the warmer months can still be kept attractive by using evergreens in them now.

See that the houses for your livestock are in good repair for the winter. They need comfortable, sanitary quarters and will pay you well for the little time and expense.

Farmers in a community in Washington county ordered cooperatively through their county agent this fall about 400 bushels of different seeds at a savings of 18 cents a bushel.

Excessive feeding of livestock before shipping is not desirable, says W. Lewis, livestock marketing specialist. By light feeding they handle better, do not have so much shrinkage and take on a better "fill" at the market before they are sold.

NOTICE OF SALE ONE FORD AUTOMOBILE

Whereas, W. D. Gatling being the legal possessor of one Ford touring automobile did during the month of October, 1921, place said automobile in the repair shop or garage of the undersigned, in Cofield, N. C. for repairs, which repairs have been made according to contract, and demand made on said Gatling and others for the payment of said repair bill, which bill is more than \$50.00 and less than \$100.00, and more than ninety days having elapsed and said bill not having been paid, and now for the payment and satisfaction of said bill and in pursuance of Section 2425, Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned will on the 25th day of November, 1922, between the hours of 12 m., and 4 p. m., in front of the store of Hill Bros. in Cofield, N. C., offer for sale for cash said Ford touring automobile to the highest bidder as provided by said section.

This 3rd day of November, 1922.
W. I. HILL and C. L. SUMNER,
Trading as Hill and Sumner.
By ROSWELL C. BRIDGER, Atty.

SEEN AND HEARD THIS WEEK

BY THE OFFICE CAT

"If I owned property in Ahoskie, I would have to know why the tax list had been twisted and distorted to the detriment of some taxpayers and to the distinct advantage of others," said a resident of the town on Wednesday morning. The Cat was right there and heard him say it.

Another taxpayer standing by joined in the protest against inequalities upon the face of the tax list. The publicity given the list books a few months ago will not down, and people are still wondering how it ever "got that way." There is just one outstanding reason for much of it—some big taxpayers have had a "pull", and have been able to talk their valuation down, while many have worked upon the assumption that the appraisers were appointed to do the work, and that they were fair-minded persons whose interest was for the township and not for any one individual or set of individuals.

"Something ought to be done to Church street" is one of the patent truisms in Ahoskie. And, there is no doubt "something should be done". That "something" should be further grading of the road bed, and the filling of holes in the street. The sidewalk needs repairing, too. Weather has been fine lately; but we've got it coming to us before the winter has gone. Right now is a good time to prepare for what's coming.

Turn right around on your heels and you find a member of the town administration who admits the needs, but in the same breath tells you "there is no money with which to carry out any such program." And, there's nothing to do but believe him—it is a fact. This same fellow will tell you quickly to pay your taxes, give the town some money, and then watch for something to be done.

Constable Britton is parading the streets of the town this week with a couple of neatly bound tax books under his arm. And, that is not all he is loaded with—the Town Council has given him the authority and specific instructions to "get out and get." For a few days every taxpayer can get a 1 per cent reduction on his 1922 taxes and, knowing that the harvest season is the best time in which to get rid of this "necessary evil", it is a good time to pay up and get a receipt.

"Happy" Yert, shivering in the early Wednesday morning breezes, asked the Cat to inform the world that the watering fountain out in Railroad street is not now nor was it ever intended to be a hitching post. The fellow who fastened his reins to the spigot Monday played havoc with the watering place.

"How do they know who the 'Nice People' are?" one young school child was overheard to remark as she passed the local moving picture show and saw a sign "Nice People Only admitted here tonight". That same sign, which was advertising one of DeMille's DeLuxe productions—"Nice People"—had some more Ahoskie folks gambling on their chances of entry.

Having finished that paragraph about "Nice People" and sitting idly for a moment, while the little brain that's left in me was trying to function to the point of suggesting another idea, I walked a very "nice" fellow, and here's what he said "How about giving us a little write-up on what we are doing?" "Of course, we will be glad to do it—send it along or give us the dope" was the answer.

There's nothing to that, you say. And you are right, except that every weekly newspaper needs one nice fellow, one who knows the fine points of policy, to handle the free publicity hounds who regard a newspaper as a clearing house for every pet idea or private proposition, and the spokesman for every business, private, quasi-public, or public. It is a hard proposition, and one that is not always pleasant.

The Tunis correspondent to this paper tells about how his folks on the banks of the Chowan are still having lots of fun out of the "Old Plantation" and the "Forty-Niners"—two super-attractions at the Hertford County Fair. The Cat, browsing about town with both ears wide open, has failed to find anybody in Ahoskie who is getting much fun out of it nowadays. Most of them are digging holes in their pockets trying to discover the little mite left there, after the "Forty-Niners" got theirs.

The stuff heard here is unprintable in the main, that is, the editor has

decreed that from the standpoint of decency, he will exclude it from place in the paper. And, the Cat thinks there are some folks who will be mighty glad he has made the decision. There is unanimity of opinion on that point.

From Powellsville—"Why can't Bertie have a fair?" It is very easily done by taking the "i" and "t" off that word "can't." Hertford and Bertie potentially are two of the best fair counties in North Carolina. Together, they could put on an agricultural and livestock exhibit that would attract not only record breaking crowds but likewise would give this territory some publicity that would work to its material benefit.

A movement already started to organize a two-county fair is gaining strength every day. It is not going to die, for there is not only suggestion behind it, but the folks want it, and are ready and willing to help put it over.

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This the 9th day of November 1922.
WILLIE NEWSOME,
Commissioner.
JNO. E. VANN, Attorney 11-17-4t

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