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## IS IT CONSISTENT?

At the very first session of the new board of county commissioners, a motion was made and carried, by the aid of two votes from the chairman, to rescind the action of the retiring board which had authorized an appropriation for a whole time health officer in the county. Within one month after taking that action, and justified on the grounds of "guarding the taxpayers' money", the same commissioners have created an additional court, requiring the services of three regularly paid officers.

The county treasury will have to take care of the expenses of this court, which is a court of record. Do the commissioners who voted for the court know anything at all about the operation of such a court, or the expense attached to it? They may be entirely conversant with the subject; and still there is a great probability that they are not. Can the recorder's court expect to be self-sustaining, or will it add to the burden of the county?

A search into the records of other counties where recorder's courts have been in operation fails to bring out a single one that has not cost the county money to run. Who ever heard of any court of record paying for itself?

There is a feature overworked by the advocates of the court. "Our superior court docket is always crowded, and cases are continued from time to time," is one of the excuses made for an additional court. But, how many of these cases really are pressed for trial by the litigants? A large number of them could be wiped off the slate if the lawyers and their client said proceed. How many times on record has a session of the superior court in Hertford County extended over the full time allotted? It does not take long to dispose of a large majority of the cases; that fact was clearly demonstrated at Winton last October, when Judge Lloyd Horton cleared the docket of every case in which both sides were ready for immediate trial.

Is holding a recorder's court one day each week going to mean any reduction in the number of terms of superior court in Hertford County? Or, on the other hand, is this county to pay the same expenses for superior court, besides the increased cost of administering the recorder's court? Unless this court means a reduction in the regular superior court sessions, Hertford County will have to fork up some of the people's taxes for the action taken last Monday at Winton.

Surely, if there is need of an additional court in Hertford County, to be paid for out of the county treasury, an even greater demand should exist for closer attention to the health of the county—a county that stands almost at the bot-

## OFFICE CAT



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One of our local citizens, an unusually talkative gentleman when it is taxes, went about the streets here one day last week with a tale like this: "There is \$11,000 of the 1921 taxes still unpaid in Ahoskie and the town authorities are making no effort to collect them." The CAT did not hear this statement, but one of his friends tipped him off, with a slight wink of the eye, possibly remembering that little poem we inserted a few weeks ago, ending each verse with Junius will get you, "ef you don't watch out."

And, while talking on this subject, Junius is right here to inform that gentleman that he was never farther from the truth in his life. He is cautioned to go slow on such propaganda unless it will hold water, First, brother, get the facts; then, you've won the battle. This time, the facts are against this "tax" man.

Here is the way a graduate of the school of journalism and at one time president of the class at the University of Missouri writes to the editor of this paper: "Parker, this Thomas W. Baker, of the English Department of A. H. S., is some editorial writer. Is he a professor? If so, congratulations on having writers of his calibre on your staff. If he's a student—then, there's another proof that peanuts aren't Ahoskie's only claim to fame. I hope you're able to sign him up regular."

"Arthur W. Greene seems to be an embryonic Carolina Greely also—again congratulations." That is what this University fellow thinks of the "Warhoop" editors and contributors. This opinion of his came unsolicited, and was formed after reading several issues of the HERALD.

Now, where is that old crab who is all the time saying the CAT never said anything good about anyone? The fact of the business is, he just loves to throw boquets; but it is not at all his wont to hand out any unless he believes them justified.

"It costs just as much to feed, clothe, and house those convicts on a rainy day as it does on the prettiest day in the year," said road commissioner Worrel at Winton Monday. The question of expenses during the winter months when but little work can be done was being discussed, and one or two of the commissioners seemed to believe expenditures should be curtailed if possible. Vouchers ordered paid Monday included a comparatively small item for labor, outside the convict camp.

"We hope you are here to give us a word of encouragement," said Dr. Powell, chairman of the road board, to a county citizen who was for the first time a spectator before the new board. "We have already been kicked and cuffed and now we want a little encouragement from some of you folks."

The CAT has lots of sympathy for those six men; they don't have any nice job at all. They have started their administration off with every indication of making a honest effort to administer the road affairs in the best approved manner. By keeping close tab on expenditures, and as far as possible knowing what is being done on the roads, the board should be pretty well able to handle the job.

If quarrels, dissensions, and "bull-headedness" can be kept out, the CAT believes road building in Hertford County will receive a material boost within the next twelve months.

A HOT TOAST  
Here's to a lovely woman—

tom in its health condition.

Cutting off money originally appropriated for conservation of human health, and directing that it be used in creating a vehicle for airing of private and public wrongs, when agencies are already provided for administering justice, has little of consistency in it.

The cause of all our woe—  
She's fair and sweet,  
But her tongues and feet  
Are always on the go.

Of all sad words the worse, without fail, are those of the judge. "Six months in jail."

"Most people keep up with the doings of the world by reading the newspapers," says Cy Kology, "but there are a few who simply spend a half hour each day in a barber chair."

From the standpoint of the fellow who owns a little place in the country, life is real, life is earnest.

It approaches the season when the lure of bathing and fishing and gardening begins to fade; when one looks back on the many happy occasions, the great flood of company, the scores who came to sit and eat and enjoy, and went away filled with happiness.

Truly, it has been a wonderful season. Heaven be thanked that we have so many true friends. We can't see 'em again until early next summer, but we had 'em just the same. And, for that we are grateful, as we sit in silent retrospect, thinking over and over of the fun we had, idly sorting unpaid bills.

## TRANSLATED FOR FLAPPERS

When they film a story it always gets a new name and more heart interest.

"Yes, I know. I suppose 'Ben Hur' will now be featured as 'Her Ben'."

Now along comes a man from downstate who sends official word to the county court house that he was willing to serve on the jury any old time. He says he got a check the other day for over \$40 which was due him for serving as juror in the fall term of 37 days.

"That's more money than I cleared at farming in the last two years," he confided in the clerk.

Men have various desultory ambitions, but the distinction for which they really yearn is that of knowing an actress or two and a couple of head-waiters.

## HE NEEDS A CHUNK OF RAIN-BOW

Our newspapers will make mistakes occasionally, but it isn't often they try to forecast like this one did. We quote:

"Our esteemed fellow citizen, Abner Brown, will go to the hospital, tomorrow to be operated on for appendicitis. He will leave a wife and two children."

## THOSE TALKATIVE BARBERS

"Don't you like to go into a barber shop when you're about fagged out, crawl into a comfortable chair and have a hot towel applied to your face?"

"Yeh—but I would like it better if somebody would tie a hot towel around the barber's face so he couldn't bombard me with a gas attack of strong onions and weak logic."

Amos Tash says the drawback to "saying it with flowers" is that the average man can not afford more than a whisper.

## LEARN A USELESS THING EACH DAY

A comon housefly can lift an ordinary match.

## BLAME IT ON THE LINO MAN

(Iowa City Press)  
Alexander Broves and Miss Helen Alexander, formerly of Iowa University were recently married at Des Moines.

## IT AIN'T LASTING

Silver threads among the gold  
Shine upon her brow today,  
Although the lady, I've been told  
Dyed her hair just yesterday.

The power of the press into the kitchen! Several newspapers under the oilcloth on the kitchen table make the oilcloth last longer.

The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of land.—Emerson.

The state warehouse system has grown from 32 warehouses having an aggregate capacity of 49,050 bales of cotton last year to 78 warehouses with a total capacity of 212,620 bales this year.

Thirteen counties in North Carolina produced and sold cooperatively 33 cars of hogs under the supervision of the Agriculture Extension Service last year.

Western North Carolina is producing annually about 400,000 pounds of cheese in cooperative factories established during recent years by the mountain farmers.

Though the credit unions of the State have undergone a period of financial stringency, five new ones were formed during the past year.

Report of the Condition of the  
FARMERS-ATLANTIC BANK  
At Ahoskie in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business,  
December 29, 1922.

## RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$377,380.39
Demand loans	45,000.00
Overdrafts, unsecured	59.43
All other stocks, Bonds and mortgages	2,997.50
Banking houses,	
\$30,188.57, furniture and fixtures \$9,626.75	39,815.32
All other real estate owned	3,993.17
Checks for clearing	3,881.63
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers, and Trust Companies	68,805.41
Interest on War Finance Loan	1,024.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$542,956.88</b>

## LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 63,700.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	4,925.40
Bills payable	NONE
Deposits due banks, Bankers, and Trust Companies	26,158.46
Deposits subject to check	210,566.65
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,062.01
Certified checks	181.00
Time certificates of deposit, due on or after 30 days	162,074.96
Savings deposits	59,288.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$542,956.88</b>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—  
County of Hertford. January 8, 1923.

I, V. D. Strickland, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest:  
GEO. J. NEWBERN,  
L. K. WALKER,  
C. G. POWELL,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th day of January, 1923.

O. W. HALE, Notary Public.  
My Commission expires Jan. 20, 1924.

Report of the Condition of the  
BANK OF AHOSKIE  
At Ahoskie in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business,  
December 29, 1922.

## RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$308,894.20
Overdrafts, unsecured	347.63
North Carolina State Bonds	1,000.00
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages	200.00
Banking houses,	
\$10,634.00; furniture and fixtures,	
\$4,730.42	15,364.42
All other real estate owned	9,645.30
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers, and Trust Companies	163,634.51
Checks for clearing	1,056.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,142.84</b>

## LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 41,850.00
Surplus fund	41,850.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,096.49
Deposits subject to check	255,411.66
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,050.18
Certified checks	262.92
Time certificates of deposit, due on or after 30 days	131,779.23
Savings deposits	25,842.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,142.84</b>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—  
County of Hertford. January 9, 1923.

I, James I. Crawford, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest:  
W. L. CURTIS,  
L. S. SAVAGE,  
J. N. VANN,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of January, 1923.

P. E. DUKES, Notary Public.  
My Commission expires Jan. 20, 1923.

Tarheel farmers are determined to fight the boll weevil this year as shown by requests for literature on the subject. If you haven't had a list of free publications write the editor of the extension service at Raleigh a card asking for F. 4.

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