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## NO MORE COURTS—

Whatever else the General Assembly might have done in spending State money and issuing more bonds, it is a double compliment to it that it did not authorize more courts, more judges, and more solicitors. In the premises, North Carolina does not need any more superior courts, nor any other kinds of courts, and the legislators should be commended for realizing it.

The legislature being filled with members of the bar, any action they might have taken looking to additional courts could have been construed as having been done for personal gain. But they did not use their office to forward private interests, and for that reason, too, the legislators receive the plaudits of a large majority of North Carolina's citizenship.

## IMPROVEMENT OF OUR SCHOOL

The following composition was written by Richard McGlohon, young son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McGlohon of Winton. He is a student in the ninth grade of the Winton High School; and wrote the composition in the contest now being waged among the schools of the county in a General Improvement campaign, the details of which have been published in previous issues of the HERALD. The composition follows:

Improvement is what we all hear and witness every day of our lives. We are improving inventions; improving roads; improving our government; and in fact we are endeavoring to add improvements to everything that is under man's control. Improvement is the world's outcry of today. The most cultured nations of the world are constantly demanding improvement. Improvement, through countless ages, has elevated man from his barbaric customs to his highly refined culture of today. As we are demanding improvement in everything about us, why not demand improvement in our school?

Our school, first of all, should be improved. Are we going to allow improvements to progress in every way about us and make no effort to improve our schools? No, we shall strive in every respect to add sufficient improvements to our school, so as to bring it on equal basis with any other school in the county; not only the county, but the state.

We may first start improvement upon the grounds. The grounds should be properly drained and elevated, so as to encourage all athletic activities and outdoor enterprises. A good location should be selected, properly drained, and elevated for the purpose of a basket ball court. At present, especially in rainy weather, the basket ball court is partly covered with water. This is a great hindrance to the progress of the team, as daily practice is necessary, and they can not obtain daily practice upon the undrained court that they now have. An elevated, well drained, court would afford daily practice and help to build the team. Besides making improvements upon the basket ball court for the larger boys, we should make improvements for the smaller children, such as erecting swings, bamboo slides, and other equipment that is essential in making up the smaller children's playgrounds. We should also set aside a small lot for the purpose of floriculture. This would help to beautify the grounds, and would be beneficial to the students, especially those studying agriculture. Every effort should be made to improve the condition and appearance of our school grounds.

Improvement of our building is the next step to consider. Our building should be equipped with the very best of maps, globes, separate desks, and tables for the elementary grades, and every necessity that is needed for the improvement of the modern building of today. We should have good educational pictures hung upon the walls. Flower boxes should be placed in the windows to make the appearance of our building look more attractive to visitors. A good library equipped with the very best of educational books should be provided for, to promote the interest of reading in our school. A large Bible is also needed in the school. Another improvement that would benefit the building is the elevation of the auditorium floor. Unfortunately for the Winton High School this auditorium was not elevated when the building was constructed. This is one of the main defects of the building. A science laboratory, gymnasium, and educational motion pictures would also be a great factor towards improvement of the Winton High School.

The Winton High School should be on the accredited list. On account of not being able to comply with all the requirements, we are barred from the state's accredited list. We lack the rating only in a few particulars, and by an addition of a few improvements, we can attain this goal, and enter the accredited list of the state. This would be a benefit to the graduates, the town and the county. To do this we must provide for the accommodation of teachers and students who come into our school from outside the district. By doing this it would enlarge and strengthen our school, and uplift it to a higher grade from where it now stands. The old building, which stand at the rear of the school building should be converted into a dormitory of modern type for boarding students and teachers. This would help to give home life and domestic science training to students, and would also help to solve the boarding problem, which would be very beneficial to boarding students. Many benefits could be obtained from a dormitory towards the uplifting and improvement of our school.

We need a live Parent-Teacher association, to bring together the parents and teachers for the purpose of exchanging their views and difficulties. Cooperation of parents and teachers is needed to support the improvement and betterment of the school. We need cooperation of the entire community, for a good school needs not only materials, but also the help of all good people, if its finished products are to meet the requirements of the present age.

## UNION NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown were in Norfolk a few days last week shopping.

Miss Nellie Dunn who is teaching in Goldsboro spent the week end at her home here.

We are glad to note that Mrs. W. J. Dunn who has been down for two weeks with lumbago is some improved this week.

Miss Janie Parker of Menola was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. M. Binns for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Peed of Norfolk spent the week-end here with relatives.

Union has another enterprise opened up. Mr. B. J. Duke has opened a grocery business in the store building formerly occupied by Mr. J. C. Britt. We wish him well.

Mr. M. E. Forbes and J. M. Darden were in Norfolk a few days last week.

Mr. P. J. Vaughan and Mr. W. A. Miller were in Rich Square Sunday afternoon.

The Womans Missionary Society of the M. E. Church held its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. W. J. Dunn Monday afternoon. The meeting was well attended and new officers were elected for the present year.

Union M. E. Church has been recently transferred to the Murfreesboro and Winton circuit and Mr. Larkin delivered his first sermon to his congregation here Sunday afternoon. He brought us a strong message of gospel truth which is well worth consideration and our people here are being deeply impressed with both Mr. and Mrs. Larkin and the Methodist people here are hoping and planning for a great year's work here under his leadership.

## PROVIDING DRAINAGE

Owing to a cave-in on Main street near the postoffice, the town is providing drainage for that street, and South Railroad street by digging a ditch from the intersection of Railroad and Main streets to Church street. The ditch is being deepened at the South end and will carry the water to the big ditch on Church street, near the J. A. Mitchell residence.

## OFFICE CAT



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"Murfreesboro has robbed Ahooskie of its 'rep'; what is the trouble over there?" The CAT heard that same statement made a couple of times last Monday. Recent disorders, alleged murders, and cutting scrapes have put Murfreesboro into the limelight. At least, there's no person in Ahooskie who begrudges the honor. We've had it long enough.

"Enclosed please find check for your paper one more time. I am bound to have it in my home. In every way it gets much better all the time." That is the sum and substance of a letter received by the HERALD Monday of this week. It came from one of Hertford County's oldest and most respected men, who is right now on the fog end of life. When the CAT saw that letter, he added another kink to his tail.

Fresh from Indiana, with eyes wide open, tail as straight as a "bee-line", feet as swift as the air wagon, and a furry coat impenetrable, the OFFICE CAT made another weekly visit to Hertford County this week. About the first man he ran into averred that this CAT column was the "very" first thing he turned to when the HERALD was opened. The next man said the same thing, and on down the line, with one accord they checked. Now, the CAT is almost to the point of congratulating the HERALD for having enough newspaper sense to secure my services.

In J. R. Garrett, the county road board has a man who has a passion. Just as certain as the sun rises tomorrow morning, he thinks Hertford County is not economizing in its expenditures for road building; he says things must be worked out whereby, maintenance and upkeep expenses can be reduced. If the business is put on a better working basis, he says the county can buy enough gravel for its roads out of the money saved each month. He produced some figures last Monday. If the figures can be deduced into actual reality and accomplishment, J. R. Garrett's name will be a household word in all parts of the county. All power to him.

Doctor J. H. Mitchell wants roads, he says. But, if he wants to spend taxes in their construction, the CAT is yet to find from all his voluminous sayings at Winton and elsewhere anything indicative of such a desire. How are you going to do it, Doctor?

Some fellow, writing in another paper last week, said a mouthful in his statement: "We need more doers, and considerable less talkers." He might just as well said, "we need less knockers (via talking route) and more doers."

"I am sending you a clipping from Hertford Observer; knocking you and your paper. I am taking both papers. I would not subscribe to it for 2c a year, but all I want it for is that it comes in handy to wrap with." That is part of a letter received from a subscriber this week. It is not Indiana stuff, either—Mr. Bennie Whitley lives over in Como.

"Why in the world don't you say something about a new bank building for the Bank of Ahooskie?" has been a question popped to me three times within the last week. Yes, why don't I? Fact of the business is, I'm not hunting for trouble, and that's one good way to get into it. But, it is really high time for this institution to erect something new to take the place of the present home.

## THE DEMON BEAUTIFIER

The other day an Ahooskie man in a friendly chat with a neighbor, among other things, asked him if his wife did fancy work. "Great Scott," he exclaimed, "she won't even let a porous plaster come into the house without crocheting a red border around it and running a yellow ribbon through the holes."

Rhode Island is planning to spend an immense sum on good roads. But it is hard to see how she can spend very

much and keep the roads in the state.

Better to be wrong and make an attempt than never to have made the attempt, according to Paul Dukes.

Roah Askew says Ford ought to put up a rattling good campaign for the Presidency.

Don't you fell like a boob when you see some other fellow do the thing you gave up as impossible?

Hugh Harrell says the reason lots of people miss easy street is because they are trying to find easy money.

## FRESH

A middle-aged bachelor was in a restaurant at breakfast when he noticed this inscription on his eggs: "To Whom It May Concern: Should this meet the eye of some young man who desires to marry a farmer's daughter, eighteen years of age, kindly communicate with—." After reading this he made haste to write to the girl, offering marriage, and in a few days received this note: "Your note too late. I have been married five months today."

One of the disadvantages of being a humorist is to get a brilliant idea at three o'clock in the morning just when you are trying to get to sleep.

## MAN

Man is like the old kerosene lamp; He is not especially bright. Though occasionally "all lit up", He is often turned down; He generally smokes; And frequently goes out at night.

To act without thinking you may get you into trouble; but to think without acting will get you nowhere.

"A Traveling Man Told Me—" "Hush! Wait 'til we pass these girls."

Fashionable women at the Florida resorts are now wearing fur bathing suits, but reports do not saw how fur.

Wisdom is knowing what to do; skill is knowing how to do, and service is doing it.

The pessimistic, fault-finding husband chirps: "Man's work is from sun to sun, and woman's work is never done—right."

One's friends never leaves one flat. They wait until one get flat to leave one.

## NOT APPRECIATED

Jud Tunkins says: "Fault finding we can ill afford. Nobody offers a reward."

## DON'T CRY LITTLE GIRL

There, little girl, don't cry, they have lengthened your skirts, I know; but don't you fret, you're a long way yet from the girls of the long ago. They have added an inch or two, but there little girl, don't cry, for a frisky breeze still show your knees as the race of men go by.

The musical comedy comedian gets paid for making a fool of himself. But in real life the fellow who makes a fool of himself also does the paying.

Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, was arrested by a California traffic cop. Luther was probably trying to cross a street with an auto.

It cost Columbus only \$7,250 to discover America, but then it must be remembered he did not have to live in it after he had discovered it.

## LEFT STRANDED

Fashion is a fickle elf, Often we have heard, Besides, it simply works for self— It ought to be interred, But now I charge it cruel, Besides its other sins, Note if you will the school Of unprotected shins, Poor little dame, in warmer times, Jumped at Fashion's call But now, in wintry clime, She has no cash at all To do as she would choose, So, no matter what the call, Of style she still has shorter clothes.

Eric Garrett says in a small town there is always some citizen worth \$8,000.00 who is willing to tell young men the secret of success.

A newspaper writer makes a comment on the number of women who are making a success of banking. Women have always been good at figures, especially their own.

The Tarheel farmer who wants to beautify his farmstead needs only to go into the woods and fence for shrubs which will equal any the nurseryman can furnish.

The sweetest type of heaven is home.—J. G. Holland.

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## "Queen Ahooskie"

Ahooskie, N. C.,.....1923.

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to represent Ahooskie at the "Queen Contest" at the Eastern Carolina Exposition, March 22.

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