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EXERCISE RIGHT TO SUFFRAGE—

One week intervenes between this time and the calling of a convention to select candidates for town and school district. Persons who want any office in the list are apparently not enough interested to announce that fact. Evidently, the politicians in Ahoskie are scarce or they are working under cover. One of the two things must be true.

Laying aside all political and factional issues, however, it is true that real public service can be rendered most effectively in Ahoskie and in the school district by the full exercise of the right to vote. Many persons pass up the voting privilege unless perchance there be a "fight" on between bitter opponents or factions. Thanks to the bitter experiences of Ahoskie people, no such bitterness is engendered this year, at nominating and electing time.

Because there is no fight not a single voting person in Ahoskie can advisedly stay away from the convention and subsequent election; for, the citizens who are elected to office this year are just as amenable to the taxpayers as were those in the days of bitter fights. In fact, the business of holding down any of the jobs is a vastly larger task than it was a few years ago. They grow in importance each year; there are increasing duties as time passes.

The trustees are facing the problem of providing better school facilities, and the possible expenditure of more public money. Good men or good women can help mightily in framing the policy and effecting a solution to the situation now existing. The office demands only the best.

Every single municipal office has weighty duties attached to it. The town is just now in a transition period; its finances are being adjusted and the tax rate worked out on a budget system. Improvements to the town will have to come; possibly more money will have to be provided with which to do it. Some of the physical property now on the debit side of the ledger needs to be swapped to the other side. Other public matters demand attention, and altogether the office of town councilman or of mayor is one that needs a man who has not only business ability but also a clear conception of what the present day small town needs in the way of improvements.

WHAT WILL AHOSKIE DO ABOUT EDUCATION?

All persons at all conversant with the conditions under which the youth of this school district are taught, and knowing anything about the physical equipment of the Ahoskie school have long ago reached the same conclusion—that is, some changes must be made

somewhere along the line. Attendance must be restricted, or a new plant must take the place of the old.

With more than three hundred boys and girls attending school here now, and the ever increasing numbers coming in each year, the school plant Ahoskie has today does not and cannot hope to furnish the brand of schooling demanded of the educational system of this day and time. The overcrowded room is one of the most serious handicaps to the proper instruction of the students, and the student himself or herself cannot be expected to absorb the best efforts of teacher or instructor, no matter how thoroughly trained the teacher may be.

This Ahoskie problem has been discussed to the point where some sort of action is imperative. It is good to talk over these things, and it is a sign of willingness to do when one admits the necessity of action in order to relieve the situation. But, the doing is what will remedy the condition now existing. And, unless the thing is done or started soon, Ahoskie cannot hope for even as good conditions next session as it has had during the current session.

The trustees are themselves decided upon the point that a change is absolutely necessary, and the HERALD believes a majority of the citizens of this district want a better school plant than Ahoskie now affords. There is just the one thing left to do—BUILD IT.

HARRELLSVILLE NEWS

The Oxford Orphanage singing class will give a concert in the school auditorium here Saturday evening, April 21. Admission, adults 35c. Children, 20 cents.

Messrs. R. C. Mason, W. H. Roughton, W. M. Rowe, spent last Tuesday afternoon in Winton.

Messrs. E. D. and C. M. Callis spent Tuesday in Henderson, N. C., making the trip by motor.

Mrs. E. L. Sharp left last Thursday for her home in Winston-Salem after spending several months with her father, Mr. S. Sharp, Sr.

Messrs. J. L. Smith, W. H. Roughton, M. R. Taylor and S. E. Harrell attended a Masonic meeting in Colerain, Thursday evening.

Mr. Marcus Smith and Mr. Pitman of Mars Hill High School spent the week-end with Mr. J. L. Smith.

Messrs. M. R. Taylor and S. E. Harrell were business visitors in Ahoskie Friday afternoon.

Mr. H. S. Basnight of Ahoskie was in town Friday afternoon.

Mr. C. M. Callis and daughter, Miss Ethel, were visitors in Ahoskie Friday afternoon.

Mr. Hubert Askew of Colerain was in town Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Lewis J. Holloman who has been spending the Easter holidays at home, returned to Chapel Hill Saturday.

Mr. L. T. Holloman was in Ahoskie Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Callis, Misses Ethel Callis and Myra Scull spent Sunday afternoon in Colerain.

Miss Mary Winborne from Christian Harbor spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. F. S. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris of Aulander spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morris.

Rev. R. B. Lineberry filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Perry is spending this week with relatives in Ahoskie.

Miss Mary Williams, County Supervisor, visited our school here Tuesday.

Miss Lucile White entertained a number of her friends Saturday at a picnic dinner on the hills back of the school grounds. The girls enjoyed climbing hills and playing games. Those present included: Misses Myra Scull, Elizabeth Smith, Bernice Harrell, Janie Walton Taylor, Evelyn Smith, Evelyn Gilliam, Mary Winborne, Hazel Gilliam, Lou Wilson Evans, and Nell Nelson Powell.

ANGLERS BUSY

The old fishing tackle, rod, hook and all have again been brought out by Ahoskie anglers, and the business of passing an otherwise listless day is now taken up in baiting the flny tribe. Several good catches have been made in the nearby creeks and swamps.

OFFICE CAT



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"Maybe, Friday the Thirteenth, will change our luck," said Dr. J. A. Powell, chairman of the road commissioners, at Winton Monday. He was referring to the called meeting to decide upon the method of road construction, which had been suggested for Friday, May 13. Dr. Powell believes pretty firmly that road work in this county has not been administered as it should have been; and, not only is frank to say so, but he also has the courage to believe he can do it better. At least, he has plenty of ideas how it should be done.

"Little chance for contract work in this county", is the way one prominent county citizen expressed himself at Winton Monday. The commissioners are apparently working on the township basis; and to a rank outsider it would appear that that is going to be the policy from this time henceforth. Of course, you never can tell what may result when the bids are considered.

J. R. Garrett, Ahoskie road commissioner, is by far the most enthusiastic road builder of the sextet. He is eternally on the job between here and Powellville, directing work on the building of "my road." The board has agreed to give him two extra mules and, with them, the Ahoskie man says he can make things hum on that road.

Speaking of mules and money, Mr. Garrett believes the town should give his team free drinks and save to the county any cost. He appeared before the town commissioners Monday night, and asked that free city water be furnished to the mules of this township. They are now quartered in his stables in Ahoskie. He will tap the water line and plumb the stables, while the town council voted to furnish the water free of charge.

For Town Council

Otis R. ("Goat") Modlin, First Ward
Nash Carter, Second Ward
W. P. ("Bill") Brewer, Third Ward

Our tried and true citizen, Mr. Rosh Askew, avowed candidate for mayorship, already has enough votes pledged to carry the convention. My constable candidates, "Sec." Meadows, is having a rather hard time keeping down the opposition; but the final coup will bring him out above any other competitor. Both have issued fair warnings that there'll be no mud-slinging in this free-for-all. But, once some skate starts it, this CAT will exercise his prerogative to hit back, and the hitting is going to be a soaker. Keep off, all ye knockers.

For council, I have put out Ahoskie's choicest bunch men; every one of them drives a flivver every day in the year, including Sundays. One peculiar qualification of every one of these council candidates is their familiarity with the condition of streets in Ahoskie. When my men are duly elected officers of this suburb of the Indian Ahoskie Swamp, may look out for some improved streets in Ahoskie.

Rolling stones soon reach the bottom.

Amos Tash says a horse's mouth will tell how old he is and man's mouth how big a fool he is.

First the world was flat, remarked an Ahoskie man the other day, then someone discovered it is round and now—it's crooked.

- The cleanly state—Wash.
- The most egotistical state—Me.
- The sickliest state—Ill.
- The most maidenly state—Miss.
- The most medical state—Md.
- The most paternal state—Pa.
- The mining state—Ore.
- The bunco state—Conn.
- The deep in debt state—O.
- The coy state—La.
- The oldest state—Ark.

Amos Tash says carrots contain arsenic, and arsenic is good for the complexion, but still, if a gal eats too many carrots she won't have nothin' left but a complexion.

Speeding
I sent him a special delivery letter, Telling him I hoped he'd soon get better, He lingered and died, ere the letter he got, For speed, indeed, the missive had not, And the postman wrote 'cross the old address: "You'll have to forward this, I guess."

Everyday Heroes
The man who can get into the bathtub without knocking off the wire soap holder.

The man who, when the lower drawer of the bureau gets stuck, does not give it a kick.

The man who doesn't think that he "stands in" with the garage mechanic.

The man who can see a frosty pane, while waiting for a train, and not scratch his initials on it.

The wife who, when there are fresh peaches for dinner, does not remind her husband that peach stains won't come out.

The man who does not tell how far he can hear over his home-made radio set.

The wife who does not remind her husband how attentive he was before they were married.

The husband who took down the awning the first time his wife asked him to.

Intelligence Test
Dear Office Cat: If two locomotives are traveling toward each other on the same rails, one with a speed of fifty miles per hour and the other sixty miles, which will strike first and how much sooner?

Yours till westinghouse brakes.
T. N. T.

A man in New Orleans was injured when a barrel of wine slipped off a truck onto him, which emphasizes the arguments of the advocates of light wines.

The Best Recipe
We live to learn, and learn to live, But not until we've learned to give Unless we give, a selfish mist Clothes us, and we just exist.

Iowa chicken thieves are operating in automobiles. Using "coupes" we suppose.

Dewey Cherry says no man is ever satisfied with himself if he is doing a poor job.

Little Mrs. Newife—What would you think of a man who lets his wife get up on a bitterly cold morning to light the fire?

Mrs. Wise—That's something I've never told anyone but my husband—and I'd only have to tell him once.

In this great land of opportunity the young man who is down and stays down usually has no one but himself world knows no overproduction of into blame. Effort works wonders. The tiative. Hard works leaps over obstacles—or breaks them down.

Much of the garden work can be done at odd hours that otherwise might be wasted.

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