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KEEP DOWN MALARIA BY CLEANING UP—

There is an increasing danger of malarial infection caused by householders and proprietors of business houses allowing weeds to grow up around the corners of their buildings, in the yards, or on streets in front of the houses. The malarial death rate is high in this county; reports for 1922 show it to be. Many other minor menaces are allowed to exist, although it would require but little time and energy to rid the premises of any danger.

The HERALD is copying an article from the August Health Bulletin, published by the State Board of Health, believing that it will offer some suggestions for the removal of the breeding places. The town authorities have set a mighty fine example by having the weeds cut down along the ditches and the drains in the town, and also by cleaning out these places of drainage. It is natural to infer that they will continue to abate these nuisances until none is left.

Individuals can aid materially in this work by attending to their own premises, and it would not require much effort to step out of the front yard and cut down some of the weed growing on the edge of the sidewalk in front of the house. They are all menaces to good health, the one thing we cannot afford to ignore.

The Health Bulletin has the following to say:

"For people living in cities and towns this season of the year, when mosquitoes breed in every accessible pool of water about the premises, it is a very necessary thing to see that no breeding places are allowed. All tin cans, barrels, buckets, basins, pails, or vehicles that will hold water should not be allowed to stand with water in them, but should be emptied and drained, and all useless articles of this kind should be sent to the garbage piles. All thick grass and weeds around the corners of the house, and especially near the water faucets, should be pulled up and such areas thoroughly cleaned in order to be allowed to dry. One of the most prolific sources for mosquito breeding places is the valleys on the roofs and the metal drain pipes around the eaves of even the modern houses, which frequently get stopped up from various causes. A frequent source of stoppage of the drain pipes on roofs is the English sparrows which build nests in the pipes and the rains wash them into the drains, stopping them up and allowing the water to remain for several days. All such places afford the finest kind of breeding spots for mosquitoes. The mosquito pest can be reduced to a minimum by attention to all these details by each and every householder."

OUR EDUCATION COMES TO US HIGH—

Back in 1920 and 1921 Hertford County was paying approximately 25 per cent more per capita for its public schools than was the average county in North Carolina. There were only ten other counties paying a higher per capita rate than was Hertford, the rate here being \$5.55. Not one of the counties embraced in the Roanoke-Chowan territory was paying anything like the amount this county's taxpayers were.

Bertie county paid only \$3.91 for every person; Northampton, \$4.05; and Gates \$3.68.

Halifax was our nearest neighbor paying anything like as much as Hertford. Its per capita rate was higher—\$5.63. Wilson county was paying \$12.90 school tax per inhabitant. The report explains that in this county there are only twelve school districts. She also had sixty-two school trucks, or one ninth of all trucks in the State, which transported about 2,500 pupils daily. This report adds further: "In many counties ranking low the one-teacher school still predominates."

Since that report was compiled, doubtless the rate has increased all over the State. With the 1923 rate raised to seventy-five cents in this county, there is no question about the per capita amount paid for schools being even higher than that given in the above paragraphs. It is natural to assume the same condition in most every other county in North Carolina since the new school law was enacted, requiring the indebtedness against schools to be paid by the county through bond issues and tax levies.

While the cost of education is mounting rapidly, there is the corresponding growth in the efficiency of the school system. Large sums of money are being spent for educational purposes, but the question invariably rises "What are you going to do if the people demand it?" A halt can be called only by the people themselves. Probably the revelation unearthed by Corporation Commissioner Maxwell will be the beginning of a tightening of the reins. Either that, or we must quit kicking when the tax collector comes around for our dues.

Aside from that fact, however, it would help matters considerably in Hertford, if a concrete and definite comparison could be drawn of the school systems of Hertford and Bertie, or Bertie, and any other of its neighbors. If the thing could be but explained and the public could know the whys and wherefores, the air of doubt and uncertainty in school administration would be soon clarified.

OLD-TIME BARBECUE AND PICNIC CHOWAN BEACH

A barbecue and an old-time all-day picnic for every body is to be held Friday, August 24 at Colerain Beach. Dinner consisting of all kinds of sandwiches, ham, chicken, pickle, ice tea and refreshments of all kinds will be plentiful throughout the entire day.

Some of the amusements include flying by an expert naval pilot, excellent bathing, artesian water, good music, merry-go-round, brass band and many other attractive amusements.

Judge Kerr, of the superior court bench and now active candidate for nomination to the seat formerly held by the late Hon. Claude Kitchin, will deliver an educational address during the day. He may touch upon the campaign now in full sway, and whether or not he does, attendants may look for an able address.

The Colerain and Chowan Ferry will be operated during the entire day and late at night.

The Colerain people are to play host on a big scale that day and they want everybody who can get away for a day to go down and spend the day in their midst.

Thousands of persons are no doubt going to take full advantage of the opportunity to revisit one of Eastern North Carolina's most popular beaches.

FOR RENT—MY FARM NEAR Menola is for rent. Chas. Benthall, 700 Vermont Ave., Portsmouth, Va. 8-17-4t

"Old Farmer" Is Boosting Ahoskie

Mister Editor:

I take my pen in hand to write you these few lines. This leaves all well and I hope will find you the same.

That's the way letters uster begin when I was a boy and in fact it looked like there weren't any other way for them to start. There was no user read the first half dozen lines for the boys and gals knowed 'em by heart. Just think of the waste of ink and time it tuk to write the beginnings of letters in them days. But times change almost everything in this world, like the styles of woman's dress. Now, that reminds me since I happened to hit on the styles of a woman's dress—there has been a mighty sight said about the short skirt. These blab-mouthed folks what aint got any more mother-wit than their granddaddies oughter certainly keep mum. Now, it may be that I am one of 'em but let's see how I view some things, for you have done found out that I say just what I think and I have under the law the right to think for my dog tax is paid. Well, now, hit's this way, I know mighty well when a long trail was in style and the lady had to hold up 'bout four feet of goods going from the buggy to the church door as she walked along or else let it sweep the ground and she was daresant to let it drop in a crowd for if she did some fellow with his Sunday brogan would stomp down on it and rip it from the waist line. He might bow and scrape and beg all the pardons but the tragedy had been done and bless her poor little soul, her day's pleasure was called to its untimely end by a clumsy brogan shoe. Why let me tell you what a fellow told me the very day it happened bout forty years ago, at a big meeting at Ross church in Bertie county. In them days it was polite and overlooked if a fellow wanted to take advantage of his permits—to chew tobacco in church and in fact on the men's side spit boxes were provided for all sich to spit in. These here spit boxes were filled about half with saw dust and when there was no provision made for the brutes to spit in, he would just naturally chew and spit on the floor; well as I was going on to say, this fellow told me on that particular day, that one of Windsor's fairest and most beautiful daughters—Miss Lellie Gray—went out to Ross' church and when the services were voer to her utter disgust, consternation and any other kind of 'ation she discovered that a gang of mumskulled galoots had teetotally and forever soiled the skirt of her beautiful dress by squirting tobacco juice all over it. What a shame! I shore know that the young gentleman who had the pleasure of the young lady's company felt like shucking off his jacket and flogging the guilty parties. But there was nothing to be or could be done. So it became just necessary to have the benches boxed in after some experiences as above narrated to protect a lady's dress as it is to build a fort to fight an enemy in time of war. Or enforce the rule of forcing the men, boys and brutes on one side of the church, so they would not be within spitting range of a lady's trial. Another thing I might add, the fellow usually had a few drinks of whiskey and were not very careful about which way they spit. Now, let me say right here that it was customary for tobacco chewers to chew in town churches and they were provided with tobacco spit boxes just like they were in country churches. I know a man who quit going to church because the spit boxes were removed from a town church which he attended. But don't things change with the times?

Now, just a little more bout the styles of a woman's skirt and I'm going to quit the subject for today. Lots and numbers of the folks reads the HERALD knows good and well when the lady that could draw her corset the tightest was the most in style. Why bless your sweet life, comparatively speaking, the nearer she could get herself to look like a dirt-dobber the better she was satisfied. Jim says that in China the rich Chinese put their children's feet in wooden shoes and keep them there till they have sufficiently stunted the poor little thing's feet so they were compelled to hobble through life. Developed feet were only for the poor. Now, the Chinese are classed among the heathens of the earth. Now, answer me this: Which looks the more heathenish, to make hobbles of the children when they can't help themselves or for a grown up to lap her breastbone and so impair her health as to cause her to fill an early grave? Today there are unknown graves filled by the bodies of good women who ought to be living, blessing her life and the lives of her children and her grandchildren and growing peacefully. Oh! the suicides, the suicides,



The CAT and Kittens are too dog-gone busy to write this week. "Cap" Green, the purveyor of this here linotype, is soldiering up in Maryland this week, The stuck-up editor, who wails every time he gets a little printer's ink on his finger tips, is consigned to the linotype operator's chair. Just because he aint had time to do the office stugetaoni shrdlunn the typewriter stuff, he's put the ban on us felines.

I'm going to slip one over on him, however, and just naturally tell all you tobacco farmers that there is something waiting for you when you bring your load to the Ahoskie market. Of course, prices—money—is what you want: w-ll—will get it all right. And, that ain't all you'll get. There is some all-fired good lemonade waiting here for you. Nor, is that the sum total of what you get here. You get the glad hand and an invitation to return on the strength of what Ahoskie does for you upon your first visit.

SALLY, PATICA, and TOM, JR., are too busy with other duties to get in a word this week. They will return to the fold next week.

Hold on here a minute! I almost

OTHER MARKETS ARE BIDDING FOR TRADE

Williamston and Suffolk chambers of commerce are keenly alive to the advantages to their towns of live tobacco markets. In this issue of the HERALD both are bidding for the patronage of the tobacco raisers of this and Bertie counties. The Williamston market is to open on Wednesday, August 29, and the Suffolk market on September the eleventh.

Suffolk is just now in the promotion stage, having had a market there for one or two years. This year the citizens through the chamber of commerce, are enlarging their marketing facilities having recently secured reduction of freight rates. In other ways the business people of that town are extending their market facilities.

The Williamston market is an old established one, and is this year offering marketing facilities for both auction men and for the members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association.

just because they wanted to be "Little in the waist And pretty in the face." must be the mothers and grandmothers into this nation tight lacing. You may say that Old Farmer writes mighty plain and say it if you want to but I am talking bout something that is vital and if he aint talkin plain the Lord knows he means to. So give us the short skirt and the loose waist which means health and happiness for our young women who must be the mothers and grandmothers of the coming generations. Now, I am done for this time talking bout the styles which come and go.

Jim has read a lot of big books, history and sich like and he says our lamented President Harding will not go down in history as one of our Great Presidents but will go down as our of our most beloved—but believe me if a man's life causes men to love, respect and honor him, I consider him both great and good. Then, let me pause and drop my tear on the new made grave of our lamented Harding. And may God and not Lodge guide the head and hand of Calvin Coolidge, is the prayer of OLD FARMER. August 13, 1923.

forgot to invite you to come to the HERALD office for a visit when you are in town. A year's subscription paid on August 30 will entitle you to 25 cents in trade at any place of business in Ahoskie.

Another good endurance test is a 3-year old son who develops an appetite for water at 2 a. m.

Clarence Perry thinks a bachelor is a man wise enough not to get married until thirty, and then too wise.

One of the two things a young girl thinks about is the man she might go with next.

Have you ever noticed, asks Sam Vaughan that the man who kicks the most about hard work does little of it?

From what we know and hear, we imagine some people measure that three miles in the wrong direction.

Children are an educational force us.

"FOLLIES OF 1923" COMING

Preliminary arrangements have been made looking to a big "Home Talent" production of the above named attraction, to be given under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Ahoskie, for the benefit of the Civic Betterment Fund.

More than 100 will take part in the production, which is planned for the

at that. No parent could keep up with the new slang without them.

A lot more kicking is done by the tongue that the foot, thinks the Office Kitten.

Some Modern Marvels It's a hard world, and on days when you wish to relieve your grouch on somebody, not a book agent will appear.

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