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WINTER AND TERRIBLE ROADS ARE COMING—

It is not the policy of this newspaper to cast tidings of evil, nor does it lend its columns to the support of pessimistic reports and forecasts. It is contrary to the very nature of those who shape and frame its policies. Yet, it can look sixty or ninety days ahead, and see curtailment of traffic to an abnormal degree on account of the improperly maintained highways of the county, and the newly constructed State highway that cuts the county in half.

For three years, persons in this county who are inclined to an optimistic view have waited it out, believing the county would have highways that admit of travel in the winter time. And each year has brought disappointment. That was to be expected, however, because it is almost impossible to keep newly built roads passable the first winter after construction. The same will, then, be true with the State highway; all the maintenance properly belonging to it will not prevent it becoming a miry, murky road that will keep automobiles stuck up much of the time.

This time, with all the talk about a former bad system of working roads in the county and the consequent re-organization of the administration, the folks who pay the tax to build and maintain roads expect to see some results from the money they have been paying into the treasury. Highways that were built last year—and the records will show some 90 miles or thereabouts—should be in passable shape all the winter through. There is no reason why they should not, unless it be inattention.

Improper maintenance or an almost total lack of it, however, is going to see county highways in this section in the worst condition that has existed for four or five years. Some good can be done if started now, but not enough to keep Hertford County from sticking up in the mud again.

LET'S KEEP THE SPIRIT ALIVE—

There are only 32 of the native Hertford County Confederate Veterans alive today, according to Mr. H. C. Sharpe, of Harrellsville, whose word is final authority in matters affecting the roster of the Confederates, living and dead. The past year has taken a heavy toll in old-age deaths; and it is only a matter of a few years until there will be none left to perpetuate by word of mouth the heroism of those who though fighting for a Lost Cause did not fight in vain.

We all love to revel in the glory those men brought to themselves and to their posterity, and it is not only a natural inclination but it is also a commendable trait. Hero worship is not dead and it will never die for worshipping at the shrine of the brave, noble, and honorable has many times been

an incentive for the succeeding generation to seek the top of the ladder. It will always be so. And, the HERALD is glad to believe it will.

This is the principal reason why this newspaper asks for a keeping alive of the spirit shown by the Confederates in the Civil War—the spirit of love for their country and their kin and a love so strong that it caused them to fight as they did. We have honored them on occasion after occasion, to be sure; but we cannot show our reverence and admiration any too often, certainly not less than once every year, upon the occasion of the Annual Re-Union.

Through somebody's error or unintentional management, this spirit of which we have spoken was not intensified as it should have been, when the Vets met in Ahoskie last Thursday. There was a mere handful here, and lack of publicity was the direct cause of an improperly conducted Re-Union. Ahoskie hardly knew of the Re-Union, and evidently few others in the county even knew when and where the Re-Union was to be held. Otherwise, the day would have been made more fitting such an occasion, and the Vets would have again realized that they were among people who had not forgotten them and who love to do them honor.

Until there is none left, let Hertford County honor them with an entertainment befitting the occasion.

A BARBER, A BANKER, AND A CIRCUS SPIEL

"Go to the circus?" asked the cashier of the Bank of Fentonville as he dropped back in the barber's chair for his Saturday afternoon shave.

"Yeah; I went a little while last night after I closed up. Some circus!"

"Some circus is right," said the banker, "and it was some advertising stunt we pulled. You saw our big sign and heard the ringmaster tell about our bank, didn't you?"

"Yeah; I saw the sign and I heard the spiel. Wouldn't have thought of it again though if you hadn't mentioned it."

"Pretty clever stunt we call it," was the banker's reply.

"Yeah; clever for the announcer and sign painter. What did it cost you?" the barber asked sharply.

The question popped out so unexpectedly that for once the banker told the bank's business and admitted proudly that the expense had been \$112.

"Say you! Listen to me!" bawled the barber, as he swung his lather brush across his patron's face and shut off anything he might have said further. "That guy paid \$12 for the sign and got a hundred for shouting three minutes twice a day. He does that six days a week because he finds one in every town. In the season he makes more than your bank does. You call that advertising? You got an idea folks at the circus bring any money to your bank because of a spiel at a three-ring circus? Nothin' to it! They were laughing at clowns or getting nervous about the lions. If you want to do some advertising, you take your \$112 and pay the editor of The Bugle \$2 a week as long as the money lasts. Your ads in the paper will tell all of those people about your bank every time they look it over, something different every week. It won't go in one ear and out of the other."

The barber was quiet for almost a minute. The banker was quiet too. He was thinking. The barber had told him something.

Then from the barber, rather gently, "Did that fellow deposit the \$112 in your bank? No? Well, whenever you pay the editor's bills he puts the money right back in circulation here."

"Razor hurt! No? I thought you kinda scinged a little."

Cull the flock, for "boarders" who don't pay are expensive.

A bill of indictment charging Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper and his brother, Thomas E. Cooper, with wrongfully abstracting funds and making false entries on the books of the defunct National Commercial Bank will be presented to the Federal grand jury which will convene at Wilmington on November 6.

OFFICE CAT



Those boys over in Winton, pardon the illusion Mr. Commissioners, are hedging now. Dipping cattle has and is still a mighty poor piece of business, according to their way of thinking. It certainly played havoc with the treasury; and before it is done with, there is no telling what it will do to the county.

A sample of what is in store for the commissioners was presented at the Monday meeting, when one good and honorable farmer went in person, and two others sent in their bills for cows claimed to have been killed by dipping. "We can only take it up with the State", the commissioners told the complainants. "They put it on us, and certainly it is their business to see it through," they said.

Appropos a recent discussion in the HERALD about dresses and faces of the dear young things who are to become "rulers of the world," the attitude of the Somerset, Penn., rebellious group against rules and regulations of dress is cited herewith. Here is what they have said to their elders and would-be reformers:

"I can show my shoulder;
"I can show my knees;
"I'm a free born American,
"And I can show what I please."
That ought to end it.

It is, at least, a relief if not a sign of sure peace for the auction tobacco warehouses and the co-operatives to quit their campaign of hate and spite in this territory. It's much better that the fellows in either business look strictly to their own business and adopt an attitude of "letting the other fellow alone."

"I sure do like the way you Ahoskie folks stick by your tobacco market," was a remark heard last Thursday upon the opening day of the auction market. Farmers throughout the belt seem to be well pleased with the attitude Ahoskie has shown towards all those who bring their product here.

It always make us laugh when we hear a bird with one of those half inch brush mustaches kidding a girl about her plucked eyebrows.

The income tax collector is after the former Kaiser, and for the first time in our life we are in favor of a tax collector.

Most girls with a strong line usually hook some poor fish.

When a motor knocks all the time there is something the matter with it. And it is the same with a man.

Although a Chinaman's eyes are set on the bias, he doesn't think the world is crooked.

Economics

Overhead expenses—hairnets.
Upkeep—belts.
Improvement taxes — powder, rouge, etc.
Internal revenue—malted milk.
Protective Tariff—Cold cream.

It takes a lot of sparking to make a match, growls Clarence Perry.

A woman who has reached sixteen and never been kissed is going to reach sixty in the same state.

Cutting Expenses

I love to ride in a touring car,
And zip on the old stone road;
I love to tour the burgs afar,
And joke with the merry load.
I love to observe the trees flash by,
And hear the good motor hum;
I love the rumble as on we fly,
With the sound of a kettle drum.
It's the jolliest thing I know by far,
And my heart in rapture melts;
I love to ride in a touring car,
When it's owned by some one else.

All's not fair in love Some are brunettes, snaps G. C. Britton.

What a pity Robinson Crusoe lived so many years ago. Think of the money he could have made writing testimonials for safety razors.

According to an exchange a Los Angeles barber has a sign on his window "Hair cut while you wait." If he can cut it any other way he's a magician.

A girl I hate
Is Winnie Ervette
She kids you on
But never gets....

About the only difference is that the old fashioned peddler sold tin-ware and the new one rides in it, says Uncle Bill Myers.

The auto has taken the place of the porch swing as the most potent adjunct necessary to get a husband.

"Do you stand back of every statement you make in your newspaper?" asked the timid little man.

"Why—er—yes," answered the country editor.

"Then," said the little man, holding up a notice of his death, I wish you would help me collect my life insurance."

Holding to the theory that good biscuits, or even fairly good biscuits, have a great deal to do with the success or failure of a marriage venture, the county clerk of Clarkburg, West Virginia, will issue a cook book for the bride along with each marriage license.

Three Is a Crowd

Duck—What did that young couple say when you presented them with the second set of triplets?

Stork—They said that they could take a little joke, now and then as well as anyone, but that they thought I was carrying the kidding too far.

The average Ahoskie barber speaks four languages—baseball, prizefight, racehorse and politics.

A toad hops,
A bird flops,
A gun pops,
A fish drops,
Then they find things slow,
A dog trots,
A town lops,
A pen dots,
But man stops
When he ought to go.

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE BOLL WEEVIL

Raleigh, September 4. — "Undoubtedly much money has already been wasted in North Carolina this year in needless and ineffective attempts to combat the boll-weevil. Time and again we warned against this says Franklin Sherman, Chief in Entomology for the State College and Department of Agriculture.

"We advised against any extravagant outlay of money for machines or poisons of whatever kinds in the area where weevil injury was due to be light, yet we are told of persons who have used 'remedies' and now because their injury is light doubtless some of them think they have controlled the weevil; whereas, in fact, the weevil is equally scarce in other fields where no expense was incurred to protect from weevil."

Mr. Sherman states that in the region where injury was due to be severe this season advice was given to prepare for using the standard dust-poison method and to follow the official advice, which is NOT to begin poisoning when the weevil first appears, but to wait until there is harmful damage in immediate prospect. A number of cotton farmers bought machines and poison and dusted by directions with good prospect of success. There are others likewise equipped who have not yet applied one pound of poison because they haven't needed to and their investment is still safe.

But there are many others who thought they would go one better on the official advisers, states Mr. Sherman. Those determined to use other forms of poison and to begin when the first weevils appeared. They have applied their poisons repeatedly for two months or more, and certainly killed some weevils, especially before squares formed, but it is known today that in many such fields there has been no real need of this expenditure, and that in other fields the weevil injury is increasing in spite of their "treatments."

"Weevil injury is not equal and alike in all fields," says Mr. Sherman. "He who thinks that he must adopt a certain 'remedy' into his practice and use it whatever happens, stands every chance of wasting money and effort. He who follows the standard official advice will prepare, and will then apply the poison when it is needed and where it is needed. The one expends blindly on a yet questionable method; the other uses his judgment and knowledge in the timely application of a known method. There is a wide difference, and perhaps this difference will grow wider as we grow in our weevil experience."

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