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THANKSGIVING AND THE LITTLE ORPHANS—

The season of hero worship has passed; America has celebrated another Armistice Day. It was proper that this day be observed as a National Holiday, if for nothing else than to renew our pledge made during the War to imbue the whole world with genuine democracy. Many programs were given on that day, and most of them were given over principally to songs of praise for the American dead.

Soon will come another day when all persons in the United States will pause long enough to return thanks for the bounteousness that has been theirs for twelve months. Thanksgiving Day is two weeks off.

On November twenty-ninth, North Carolinians will be presented with another great opportunity to honor the dead; not by singing their praises for heroic deeds done but by giving financial assistance to the foundlings they left behind as charges of public institutions—the orphans.

It will be a glad privilege and not a drudge for the North Carolinian of even ordinary means to show his thankfulness to God on Thanksgiving Day by giving a free will offering to help nurture and sustain the fatherless and motherless, who are among His most cherished assets. It should not be necessary for appealing propaganda to bring a liberal offering in the year 1923; prosperity, contentment, and plenty holds full sway in our State this year, and the ordinary person will gladly help the great cause with a small part, One Day's Income, of that which has been accumulated in worldly goods this year.

Giving of one day's income to orphanage work in the State is not new; it has come to be an institution with those who celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

The North Carolina Orphanage Association is now calling upon church leaders of all denominations, including pastors and Sunday school superintendents, women workers, and others of influence, to urge in their respective congregations the giving of a day's income to their respective orphanages; it calls upon the various fraternal orders to bring the movement to the attention of each member and enlist him in this extra offering; it admonishes teachers, doctors, lawyers, merchants, manufacturers, and all others with local following and influence to induce their friends to unite with them in giving at the next Thanksgiving a day's work or wages to the needy orphans of North Carolina. Every contributor may communicate direct with the orphanage of his or her choice.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH IT—

Money is plentiful in Ahoskie, it is flowing in large bulk throughout Hertford county, as in other agricultural sections of the State. Few are those who have not felt in some measure the existence of prosperity; business has been benefited, and all persons who handle money have noticed the seasonal picking up of trade.

Just what are the folks doing with their money? Are they performing the first obligation of life, that is, providing for themselves and their dependents food and raiment and a reasonably comfortable living? And, if they are doing that, what about the fellow with whom they are trading—those from whom they are buying their goods, wares, and merchandise—are they getting their dues?

Little excuse, not to say real reason, exists this fall for the failure of any person to delay settlement of accounts; the money is in circulation. The man in debt has an opportunity that probably has been denied him in recent years; that of paying his bills and setting himself straight with those who have "trusted" him. That should be the first item in the budget this fall.

When that is done, it will be time to look about for investments of some form; a vehicle that can be depended

to ride one when he is unable to walk. Laying aside the "nest egg" should take next consideration with the person with money.

In the local Building & Loan Association, the person in Ahoskie and Hertford County has a fine business in which to place the surplus money that has resulted from a bountiful crop year. Not only is it a safe investment for the person with surplus money, but it is also a savior in the time of need for the person in ordinary circumstances, who probably never has any great surplus but whose monthly budget leaves him a few dollars balance with which to build up the "rainy day" portion.

Aside from being a safe investment, the subscriber to building and loan stock takes premier rank among those who believe in sticking by and hanging on to the things at home. The subscriber immediately becomes a believer in his home county when a stock certificate is issued for any amount, even though it be one lone share. Every cent of the money deposited into that organization must and shall be spent in the improvement of real property within Hertford County.

What greater investment could one make than to put his idle dollars to work in erecting homes for the neighbors, or for himself or herself? That is what the building and loan stockholder is doing every time a dollar is paid into the treasury. It is going into the construction of a home or to take care of the mortgage on a home already built.

These features have made building and loan stock in North Carolina a good seller, and an investment which is approved by all hands. And, that is why the HERALD advises Ahoskie persons to make it one hundred per cent unanimous in the subscription campaign now under way for the second series of the Hertford County Building & Loan Association.

There isn't going to be much opposition to the National Administration's promise to reduce Federal taxes in 1924. A report just issued by Secretary Mellon, of the Treasury, says there was a surplus this year, and outlines plans for reducing the burden for another year.

A great big "aye" vote comes from us to the motion made by the Raleigh News & Observer of Wednesday's issue, in an editorial "Wanted: St Helena Put to Use." It suggests the retirement of Kaiser Wilhelm to oblivion where many another exile has spent part of a lifetime repenting for the sins of earlier days.

We are beginning to believe the Hertford County Fair Association has done something to offend the everlasting wrath of the Weather Man. At least, he's got some kind of grudge or he wouldn't treat the fair folks so roughly.

IS HAROLD LLOYD KING OF COMEDY?

Is Harold Lloyd the screen's comedy king?

That is an interesting question and a question that James W. Dean, prominent syndicate writer and motion picture critic knew would cause considerable comment. In fact, Mr. Dean began the controversy by syndicating a story through prominent newspapers throughout the country and thusly started the ball rolling. He wrote:

"The barber was talking as he wielded his razor. Valentino is a great actor," he thinks, but William Farnum is greater. And who is his favorite actor of all? Harold Lloyd. Does he think Lloyd better than Chaplin. 'I should say,' he answers. 'Chaplin is always the same. Lloyd is always different.'

"In a theatre a flash on the screen announced the coming of Harold Lloyd in 'Dr. Jack.' Said one man to another near me:

"The other man asked him if he thought he was funnier than Chaplin. 'He's got Chaplin skinned seven different ways,' he replied.

"In another theatre the main title of a release is flashed on the screen. It says 'Harold Lloyd in Dr. Jack,' and before the opening scene is disclosed there is a round of applause. The only time I have witnessed such an occurrence was on the first night of the showing of 'The Three Musketeers' when Douglas Fairbanks was there in person."

Mr. Dean goes even further than that, telling of the opinions of ten different people in different walks of life. Two preferred Chaplin while a house wife declared that she "liked" Chaplin better in some ways but in other ways didn't like him as well as Lloyd. It is a question bound to provoke interest. Anyway, Harold Lloyd will be seen at the RICHARD THEATRE, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, November 15th and 16th, in "Dr. Jack" and then people can judge for themselves.

OFFICE CAT



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Brethren of Ahoskie, it is with you I want to commune for a couple of minutes. And the subject is ordinary pavement; albeit this talk is not ordinary talk for Ahoskie, however. That fellow Basnight who helps run the town has started something just as sure as Ahoskie's a town. He wants Main street paved; and he ain't hiding his wishes under nobody's bushel either. I know it must have took a stiff upper lip to have done what he did Monday night—he laid his hand on the table and called for a showdown. He was for pavement, all right.

K-A-T

Then, there was brother Davy Myers, long a resident of the old town, and a personage to whom the business of running the town government is nothing new. He was asked point blank what he thought of it. "Go on, Basnight," he said, "I don't ever ride on the streets; I'd like to see the sidewalks fitting to walk on, but I don't care anything about the street." Of course, that ain't by far all he said, but it was enough to indicate his position—NOT INTERESTED.

K-A-T

Next came another "Wheel Horse" in town government, Councilman Ernest Hayes. He was "earnest" about it, to be sure; but his position was stated thusly: "I know it's got to come, probably a couple of years from now will be time enough."

K-A-T

Then, Basnight got the steam roller. Adjournment was voted by his two colleagues, and against his "Nay" vote, Messrs. Myers and Hayes deserted the 'ship, leaving their friend not beaten but delayed, he says.

K-A-T

Wait a minute, here. Mayor Williams was asked and his answer given, too. "I'm in favor of improved streets, all right; but, I am not a property owner in Ahoskie and I know people begin to talk when you say too much about improvement and taxes when you haven't any property to help pay for it."

K-A-T

As for the CAT, he's downright enthusiastic about the whole proposition, as advanced by Councilman Basnight. Naturally, those three men holding office don't want to rule against the folks who put them there; it's neither right nor wise. But, at the same time, it ain't no use withholding a test vote on the proposition if there's a reasonable demand. And, I am one to believe there is a demand; so strongly do I believe it that I'll run a race with Hayes or Myers to determine whether it exists or not.

K-A-T

Did yer know, the Boss is kinder sore about how things are going with the town boys, anyway? It ain't no secret in this office, and if I know anything at all, he ain't trying to hide it. He says positively that those fellows have recently passed a very important town ordinance, and which, according to the Mayor, has been duly "published," meaning by that word that it has been stuck up somewhere around town, in fact, at "three public places." Now, all you folks who want to know what's taking place, what you are supposed to do and how you are to do it, take an hour or two off and play hide and seek with these notices. Maybe, you'll find them and maybe you won't.

K-A-T

Why, yes, the boss wrote one or two pieces about that same ordinance and he has offered to wager his office against a toothpick that more persons in the town have seen those articles than have read the ordinance, "which has been posted in three public places." The Boss says he ain't ever heard of an ordinance of such import (I believe that's the word he used) being made law in any town where there's a newspaper published, and which was not inserted somewhere in its columns—as a genuine paid advertisement.

K-A-T

AND, THAT QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF WHAT'S BEEN

TAKEN IN AND HOW ITS BEEN SPENT CAN ALSO BE FOUND "TACKLED UP" IN TOWN. IN OTHER WORDS, IT HAS BEEN "PUBLISHED".

K-A-T

"SALLY, SALLY", come out of your oblivion and talk to the folks some. You ain't treating your old Dad right, and the persons who casually follow this here column hain't got their dues either." Now, reader, here she is. Don't she look natural; just like Sally of old. I get kinder worried at my fondling now and then, but after all, I kinder love the scoundrels. * * * Here they come right in order again. Sally ain't sayin a word, but I can see those other Kittens with faces all set—they're going to talk, folks.

K-A-T

PATICA had a tale to tell about the weather. Its too long to burden you with all the settings, that is, when, where and under what circumstances. At any rate, he was a-telling me about Prophet Bismark Scull, who collects bills along this time of the year when no other earthly power can be found to move the debtor. He's Sheriff. "It's going to be a hard winter—this one. Whenever you see the Persimmon trees loaded down with fruit, look out, Jimmy Crickets, the cold weather is coming. I ain't ever seen it fail; it's a sure sign."

K-A-T

TOM, JR., he says that ain't all this Man of Parts said, either. Here's Tom's contribution to the quote column. "Yes sir, and there'll be seven snows this winter. How do I know? Because, there were seven big fogs in August, and those fogs have never fooled yours truly."

K-A-T

Now, come on Children, let's cut out the jabber and get to work on those Mice. It's eating time and not Bulling time.

You never can tell, the more henpecked a man is, the more he crows when he is away from home, snaps James Samuel.

NO, GLADYS, FOOD FOR THOUGHT IS NOT CHEWED WITH WISDOM TEETH.

Nothing takes the wind out of a bank account like trying to keep up with the neighbors.

Paul Dukes asks what becomes of all the ants when winter comes and they leave the sugar bowl?

Sanatorium: A place where men are confined as punishment for success.

You can't insult a man who thinks more of his pocketbook than he does of his self-respect, thinks Jimmy Crawford.

The old-fashioned girl, says Uncle Bill Myers, who longed to become a missionary to benighted heathens in foreign lands now has a daughter who frequently goes out and makes a lively competence teaching her sisters how to clean up the neighborhood women at auction bride and mah ong.

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