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The HERALD seconds the Observer's "Hip, hip, hooray", hilariously emitted when writing about the scheduled letting of contract for the construction of a steel bridge over Chowan river at Winton. And, our observation leads us to ask where is that fellow who hollered so loud against the State's road building program? We did have plenty of them in Hertford county one time; but there has been a noticeable falling off in the growling. This newspaper as yet has no reason to regret its stand in favor of the road program when it was in the legislative hopper at Raleigh.

"Say bonds to Ahooskie persons and you've added another insult!" is the view some local citizens hold. The agitation started within the rooms of the town council to pave Main street, or probably Main and Church streets, has started talk about how Ahooskie views municipal bonds. This newspaper does not believe the conscientious taxpayer in Ahooskie objects to a reasonable amount of bonds, when expended for necessary public improvements. How many are there, we wonder, in Ahooskie who regret the issuance of bonds to construct water and sewer systems, and an electric light plant?

MEETING DEMAND FOR BETTER CHURCH

Although we are not strong advocates of band auction sales of real estate, the one held here last Friday was a distinct exception. It marked the first concrete step in the improvement of the church properties in our town; and it is probably the signal for further improvements.

The Methodists of Ahooskie have been in need of a better house of worship for several years. The members of the church have recognized that need and worked steadily for its attainment. Circumstances have halted them more than once.

However, with the passage of the Main street property of the church and the sale of the present building, it now seems their hopes and plans are to be realized. A new church house will be built, and the pastor will hereafter live in more comfortable surroundings—he will have a new home in keeping with other respectable persons in the town.

The HERALD congratulates the Methodists for their determination to meet the need for a better church and better pastor's home.

THE SEASON APPROACHES FOR THANKSGIVING

Another week and Thanksgiving 1923 will have passed. In North Carolina it will be a great and saving day for hundreds of orphans. Even today they are looking forward with expectant thoughts to the harvest that will be theirs when North Carolinians have completed their duty upon Thanksgiving Day.

The orphans—charges of the public, to whose mercy they must look for all things—can very well expect a big day of it next Thursday, too. Material wealth has come to us in abundance during the past year, and only by giving does one receive; that is what the Father of all has said. Accumulation of money has been a peculiarly easy job with a majority of the people in our own section. Next Thursday will decide for all of us to whom we ascribe the power to convert effort into money; the offering one gives on Thanksgiving Day is a sign that points pretty clearly to the source the giver believes he receives his ability to make money.

Giving a day's income or wages to the orphan is a peculiarly fitting way to show one's thanks. Even had not most givers been blessed with a good year themselves, still the custom of giving to the orphans would be a fine medium of thanks expression. For, who is there who is not thankful for home, parents, and all the things of life that are grouped about the two?

That thought alone should cause all of us to remember the orphans on next Thursday; and, together with the material progress that has been made, North Carolina orphanages should and will undoubtedly feel as they have not done for four years the effects of the general prosperity that has been North Carolina's during the last twelve months.

THE BUILDING AND LOAN CAMPAIGN

Local interest in a home building program has not yet reached the point of unified action; that is, the importance of supporting the recognized

leading organization in all extensive and permanent home building campaigns has not been fully realized by many persons of the town.

The observation made in the preceding paragraph is made upon the premises that there are not enough holders of stock in Ahooskie's building and loan association. The first campaign for stock and subsequent organization of the association was a triumph for Ahooskie persons who desire to see more homes occupied by owners. Subscriptions were taken in sufficient volume to warrant the belief and nurture the hope of future success. When the first opportunity was presented, Ahooskie persons responded with the sum of \$500 monthly—to be used for home building and mortgage lifting from homes already built but not paid for.

Even that amount, which has been repeated for seven months now, has helped and it will continue to help do the things for which the organization was started. But, that amount will not effect the work of any noticeable increase in home building and home owning; more money must be put into the organization that more good may come of it—and to the stockholders, for they alone receive the material benefits.

There are still a few more days in which stock to the second series may be subscribed. First payments will be due December first. The subscriber may put aside any amount from one dollar up each month until at the end of '83 months he will receive \$100 for every share subscribed; in other words, you pay the association \$83 for every one hundred you get back.

It is a good investment from an interest standpoint, and for the upbuilding of the community it is recognized as the leader among all organizations designed and promoted for that purpose.

"AHOSSKITE" WRITES

(Continued from page 1)

West that's been paving every foot of Lenoir county roads has completed the job and is lookin' some more work. He paves streets or county roads, or anything.

Tobacco and cotton! Don't talk about 'em. They are going some and it looks like the sky's the limit. Everywhere we stopped, folks says money is plentiful. It reminds me of the wartimes when I was down 'round Norfolk.

I guess I've told you all about our trip except that we had no blows or nothin' and the county roads are fine from Williamston home.

I forgot to tell you another thing. We were sailing along smooth when all of a sudden the driver slapped on the brakes and commenced to read a big sign, it said "The fellow around the curve wants to live." And further on one said "Stop! Look! and Live." See there? That's what they was after—to make us slow up. The joke was on us, eh?

One more thing. I be hanged if it ain't further from Windsor to Ahooskie than 'tis from Windsor to Kinoston. You see they's got up them "Detour" signs all along and we most hadter go to Lewiston to get back. When we pulled into home I felt mighty proud to see that pretty new white bridge 'cross old 'Hooskie Swamp.

I don't blame the feller what made it to put his name on it. He done us a good job on that.

Mr. Editor, I must stop now and pick some er that 33c cotton.

Your's sincerely,
AHOSSKITE.

POWERFUL FILM FROM POPULAR PLAY

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Seeing "The Little Church Around the Corner," which was shown at the RICHARD THEATRE Thursday and Friday, is worth while, for it is an entertainment of rare pleasure, a picture drama of the type that comes about once in a blue moon.

The worth-whileness is due to the fact that some of the important actions in this Warner Brothers production take place in a mining town—and so well is it reproduced that the illusion is perfect; you have the spirit of the strikers dramatically rendered, the mining district, streets and mines; it is all done so vividly that you think the cameraman had waited for a miner's strike before proceeding to take the picture.

David Graham, a young minister just graduated from the seminary, finds his heart divided between his people—the workers in a mining town—and pretty Leila Morton, daughter of the millionaires mine owner, who is grinding his employees and refusing them proper living conditions. There is an accident that threatens to snuff out the life of scores of workers—a strike—a murder; and in fierce succession follow dramatic episodes so grippingly related that one forgets everything else as irrelevant.

Praise for the masterly mob scenes is due William Selter, who directed. Never before has the spirit of the mob in its ugly moods been so finely rendered on screen.

The supporting cast, a strong one, is made up of such well-known actors as Kenneth Harlan, Hobart Bosworth, Walter Long, Alec Francis, George Cooper, Margaret Seddon, Winter Hall, Cyril Chadwick and Pauline Stark.

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OFFICE CAT



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Myers and Hayes, Honorable councilmen of our town, had a laugh on their partner, Basnight, Monday night. Both of them snickered right out loud when the paving engineer left the room after giving his estimate of cost to pave Main street. Fact is, they grinned at him even while the visitor was telling how to do it, and how big a pot of gold it would require.

K-A-T

Councilman Basnight had made a guess at it a week before, and his figure was anywhere from 25 to 50 per cent of the estimates the engineer gave to the commissioners Monday night. That was what started the other two laughing at him. "You won't object to adjourning tonight, will you Basnight?" they interrogated. And, Basnight didn't either.

K-A-T

"You haven't backed me anywhere," he retorted, as adjournment was taken and the other two kept nagging him. "I am willing to tax myself a \$1,000 to help do it too. Now, what do you say to that?" Which, in my own humble opinion, lacks a whale of a lot being any crawling on the pavement business.

K-A-T

Since this Main street paving idea has begun to penetrate the hard boiled craniums of some of our folks, I ain't going to take any back seat in urging a vote—a sort of free will expression by the fellows who's got to foot the bill. "Let the folks say" is my program. And, if anybody wants to know, I'm everlasting in favor of the paving of the street. Of course, the fellows who have broken themselves down paying taxes in this office in 1923 may not sanction what I'm saying about it. But I'm fer it.

K-A-T

Yes, sir, there'll be a great big bunch of our folks going away from here next Thursday to see those "warriors" of the football field war to the finish in the annual knock down, drag out affairs. It's going to take a nice fat little pocketbook to take these fellows to the "Hill"—which means Chapel Hill. Which leads me to introduce to you the hundreds of homeless who play around the North Carolina orphanages. Those of us who's left behind should at least have enough cash to help these little ones; and I know the fellows who is able to finance that "Hill" trip won't even squirm when they deposit their day's wages into the collection plate.

K-A-T

"When I read your newspaper way back last spring and saw in it all about the alleged plans of the State to put that bridge over Chowan river at Winton, I thought to myself, 'Well, it sure will be done right away'; and here you come now saying you don't know when the thing will be put there." Thusly did Friend Bud Benthall accost the editor (that's what he told me) one day this week. It must have been a delight to tell Friend Benthall that the bridge was "about to be let" to contractors.

K-A-T

I'm sure a-going to let out the kink in my tail and make an 80-mile sprint right down Ahooskie's Main street when I hear talk of the contract being given to some poor (?) contractor. Folks, I do want to see that business wound up; for it's getting time to talk about something else now—perchance paving Main street, Ahooskie, or (to get out of Ahooskie) let out the clarion call for a surface top on the Aulander-Winton highway.

K-A-T

When all that's done, to save my black soul, I don't know what I'll grouch about. But then, you know, when a feller wants to chew on some old dirty rag, he'll always find something to satisfy. I don't know what'll be. And, while I coil up here under this arm-chair and think things over, the Kittens will entertain you. Of course, I don't expect you to pay much attention to them; for, they are young yet. But, listen to me, I've been coaching them for a week now on what they're to say—so, if they do say something worth your while, you'll know to whom the glory is due.

K-A-T

SALLY, Old Gal, says "Subscribe to shares in the Hertford County Building and Loan Association." Of course, you mightn't want to use the 'loan' end of the organization right now, but the time may come when you wish you'd laid aside a few extra dollars, even if you don't get to use it

or building a home. And, too, Ahooskie people ain't doing business all these years for nothing; they've got sense enough to know a good investment when they see it. I Say Building and Loan stock is the Stuff.

K-A-T

PATICA, second child of Daddy Cat, plays second fiddle to sister Sally. I am none the less enthusiastic over the B. & L. stock. I put an O.K. on it; it's a good thing for you, it's a good thing for your neighbor who wants to build; and it's a good thing for the whole community that takes a part in it. Step up, folks, and enter your subscription before December 1st.—Free Advertisement.

K-A-T

TOM, JR., being a youngster and wanting to see his home town and county move towards the goal of substantial progress, comes forth to say another mighty good organization for Ahooskie people to join is the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Admitting that some of the cash of the year just over went into the hands of a "See" who came nearer being a "Suck-er", I nevertheless believe it worth your while, your money, and your effort to keep the thing moving along, and let the fellows who direct it have a chance to "come back."

Thanksgiving

(By James Edward Hungerford) When the turks have ceased to gobble,

An' are bein' stuffed to eat, And the ducks no longer wobble, On their pigeon-toed feet; When the odors from the oven Come to tempt the sons o' men, It's a sign that ol' lovin' Day—THANKSGIVIN'S here again!

When the pumpkin, fat an' juicy, Is transformed into a pie, An' your Ma and Aunt Jerushy Keep the kitchen stove "on high"; Pickles, jellies, an' preserves, Makes you let your belt out wider, To accommodate the CURVES.

When the air is full o' spices, An' the scent o' things a-bake, An' the freezer's freezin' ices, An' there's frostin' on the cake; When the folks—both kin an' neighbors, Start appearin' on the scene, Lookin' hungry—like, b'jaber!— You can GUESS what it may mean!

When the guests have all foregathered,

"Round the moanin', groanin' board, An' their smilin' lips are lathered, An' their appetites have soared; When the gobblers stuffed with dresin' To be gobbled up by men, You can thank God for the blessin' O' THANKSGIVIN' DAY again!

Mustaches are getting scarce. Rouge clings to them too long.

JOSH BILLINGS SAYS: IT AIN'T NO DISGRACE TO FALL, BUT TO LAY THERE AND GRUNT IS.

Some people are never satisfied, Roberts Jernigan says even if they win a harp in the after-life they immediately ask for a player attachment.

The objection some people have to banks is that they are too inquisitive when you try to make a loan, says John Gatling.

Don't blame your digestion. No car can do its best on a hill if you feed it too much gas.

Vernon Strickland says money talks, but the German mark is too hoarse even to whisper.

"There's something in this," said the Ahooskie grocer as he shook the ancient egg.

A public nuisance—the bobbed haired girl who sits beside you in a picture show and swishes her oily locks in your face every time the heroine clinches with the villain.

They tell us the horse is fast disappearing. What do you suppose the man of the future will do when his auto gets stalled?

"What would you do if you were in my shoes?" "Shine 'em."

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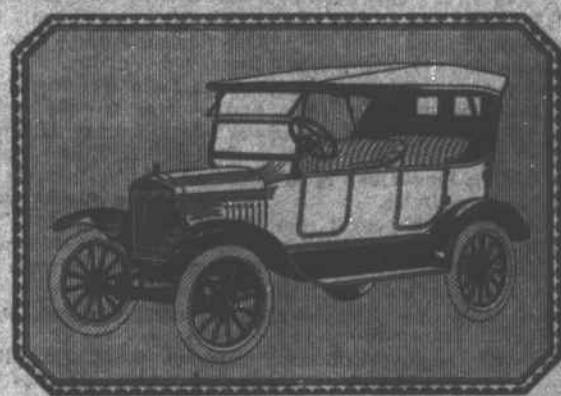
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