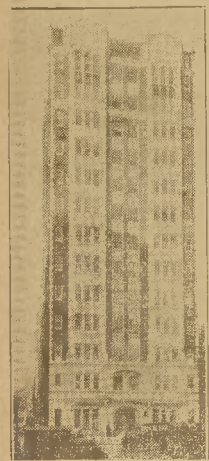


Ahoskie Of 1989; Fifty Years Hence

By BUCK KELLY

I FEEL highly complimented that Parker Bros., publishers of the Roanoke-Chowan Daily Herald, should call an old octogenarian out of retirement to "do" another piece for one of their papers. But I suppose it is rather fitting that somewhere in the special issue of the Herald commemorating the Hundredth Anniversary of the city of Ahoskie there should appear an article by the only surviving member of the staff that fifty years ago got out a special edition of the Hertford County (weekly) Herald to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the town of Ahoskie.



Queen Anne Apartments, 801 Seagrave Avenue, Ahoskie, N. C.

Where wholesale row now stretches 15 blocks there were only a half dozen buildings.

Between the heart of the present business section and the warehouse section, within a narrow radius of the ACL tracks, was the present business section of the town. Where Central High School now rears its modernistic five-story beauty stood the town's only school in a building that would house only half the student body of the smallest of the present three elementary schools. The Brown Memorial Junior High School now stands on a site that fifty years ago was a half mile beyond



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the town limits.

Where your children now attend public schools ten months per year for twelve years, the child of a half century ago attended only eleven years of eight months each, or two and one-half years less of total schooling. In that far-gone day and age the heroic pioneers of modern education were manfully striving for a twelfth grade for their eight months schools.

Where now an Ahoskie high school graduate has to ask no quarter in competition with students from any state of the Union, in that day and age numerous high school graduates who attended college found himself so far outstripped in fundamental preparation that he was often forced to drop behind and repeat his college classes or drop out of school because of the inability to keep up with the graduates of better equipped school systems.

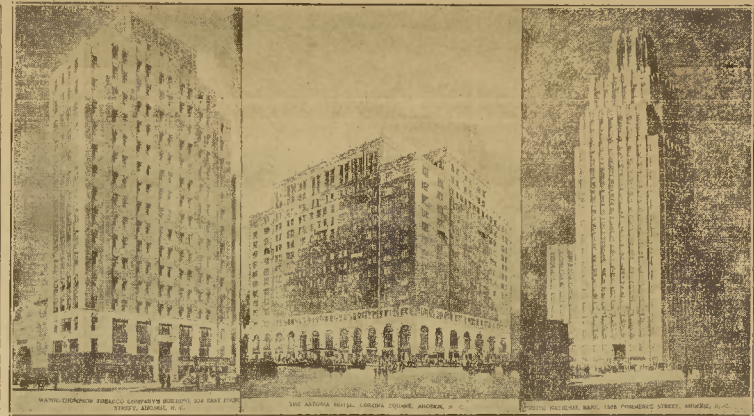
One of the principal reasons why the schools of Ahoskie and Hertford county were restricted to eight-months school years for so long was the nature of the agriculture of the county. During the years I was connected with the Hertford County Herald, the principal crops of the county were tobacco, peanuts, and cotton, and it was almost a necessity that

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AHOSKIE KIWANIS CLUB

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Club, and their sons, Dr. J. B. Ruffin, Jr., and Woodrow Taylor are now active and loyal members of the Club, com-



Ahoskie 1989, According To Kelly

Here are some well known buildings of the Ahoskie skyline 50 years hence, as veteran newspaperman "Buck" Kelly views it in prospect. Read his story over to your left.

ing in under the same classifications as their fathers before them.

Former members of the Club, who have gone out and taken outstanding positions for themselves in the world are: Thad A. Eure, Secretary of State, Stanley Winborne, Commissioner of Public Utilities, W. H. S. Burgwyn, Superior Court Judge, E. R. Tyler, Solicitor for this District, and A. P. Godwin, Judge County Court, Gatesville.

The Ahoskie Kiwanis Club has furnished two Lieutenant Governors for the Sixth Division in the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International—N. S. Garrett and S. W. Enloe, Jr., respectively.

The Club is noted for its inter-club meetings, having attended Kiwanis meetings in more than thirty-two towns. The Club attended the International Convention in Washington, D. C., in 1936, one hundred percent.

The Ahoskie Kiwanis Club has been responsible for bringing good fellowship to the business and professional men of the Roanoke-Chowan section, and it is celebrating its Fourteenth Anniversary this year.

Is He Prophetic?

W. J. ("Buck") KELLY, the author of the fantastic article. He was a member of the Herald force until he wrote this story, when he transferred to Windsor to become editor of the Bertie Ledger-Advance.



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