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## STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERALD

—The people of Carthage School district will soon vote on a bond issue of \$100,000 for the improvement of their school plant.

—Emmett G. Tyndal, Republican, is the sixth candidate to announce himself for mayor of the town of Kinston, at the approaching primary. The other five candidates are democrats.

—The Carolina Automotive Association, which met in Raleigh for two days last week, went on record as opposing the recent increase on automobile license fees in the State, by reason of the Connor-Doughton road act.

—Nearly 300 superintendents of city schools of North Carolina held a nice meeting in Greensboro last Wednesday. Superintendent E. C. Brooks, of the State Educational Department, was present and advised the superintendents regarding new legislation passed by the recent Legislature, and affecting the school law.

—H. B. Varner's attorneys have filed their answer to the petition by his wife's attorneys, which asked for the setting aside of the recent decision handed down in the Federal Courts at Greensboro. Judge Boyd, federal judge has announced that he will render final decision on the petition in a few days hence.

—Mrs. B. H. Griffin, of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina Division of the United States Woman's Training Camps, has announced that extensive plans have been made for the annual encampment, which will be held in Asheville, this summer, from July 6 through August 28.

—Preparations are now being made to stage a history of Halifax County, at a pageant to be given in Weldon on or about the first of May. Halifax County is one of the most historic of the counties of the State.

—Mr. Richard C. Job, has been employed as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City.

—Rev. H. H. Mitchell, a member of the Western North Carolina M. E. Conference, has instituted suit against G. C. Gentry, of Winston-Salem, for the alienation of his wife's affections.

—Frank Parker, Statistician of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has announced that the tobacco and cotton acreage in the state has been reduced anywhere from one fourth to one-third less than last year.

—The North Carolina State Sunday School Convention will meet in Raleigh April 12, 13, and 14, according to recent announcement. Extensive preparations have already been made for a well arranged program.

—Lenoir citizens will call a election on the 18th of April, on the issuance of about one hundred thousand dollars for school improvement in that town.

—An iron safe and one hundred and fifty dollars in cash were stolen from a Tarboro cafe on last Friday night.

—Several expert teachers have already been secured to serve as instructors for the Wake Forest summer school which will hold its first session during the coming summer.

—The Gas Rate Hearing, which was in progress before the State Corporation Commission at Raleigh for several days the past week, was concluded on Saturday. The members of the commission announced that they would render their decision, in a short while. The Commission has before it this week the Telephone hearing.

—Two hundred bond measures were passed by the late General Assembly. Two-thirds of the amount, or \$66,245,000 was for state purposes, and the remainder for county purposes, mainly for schools.

—The total value of all property in Edgecombe County, under the latest revaluation, totals \$41,634,721.

—Certain interested speculators are boring for oil in the region of the Cunnock Mine, in Harnett County, according to reports carried by the local paper in that section.

—A contract has been let for the expenditure of \$236,000 on the resorts in and around Pinehurst, the major portion of the amount to be used by the Mid-Pines Country Club.

—School teachers' salaries have been held up in Craven County on account of insufficient funds, due to slowness in tax paying.

—The Raleigh Post of the American Legion staged a series of motorcycle races at the Fair grounds Easter Monday. The races were exciting, and there were no fatalities. The annual baseball game which was to have been played between North Carolina State College and Wake Forest College was called off on account of rain, a violent rain storm breaking just as the game got under way.

—Citizens of Nash and Edgecombe counties are making plans to construct a hard surfaced highway, connecting Spring Hops, Nashville, Rocky Mount and Tarboro, the link of road to be a part of the State Highway system. A hard surfaced road has recently been completed from Rocky Mount to Nashville.

—Governor Cameron Morrison has returned to the Mansion at Raleigh, after spending a week at his old home in Charlotte. Upon his return he announced that the new and enlarged highway commission, provided in the Connor-Doughton Highway Act, will be called together on Monday, April 4th, for the purpose of organization and such other business as may come before the meeting. Rumors had been current in newspaper circles that the Governor and his Council of State had some misunderstanding regarding the borrowing of money on short term in view of the proposed bond issue for roads.

—Rev. J. D. Huzham, D. D., for many years one of the most foremost figures in the State Baptist Convention, and a noted educator, died at the home of his daughter in Mebane last Sunday night.

—City commissioners of Raleigh have refused to accept the gift of the late Miss Josephine Green, of that city, who donated her Raleigh home to the county and city for the purpose of establishing a home for the upkeep of destitute old maids.

—Peach and berry growers of western North Carolina think that the recent cold snaps have not injured the nineteen hundred twenty one crop.

—Voters of Hillsboro on last Wednesday by a majority of 170, out of a registration of 400, voted to issue bonds amounting to \$100,000 for the improvement of the town's school facilities.

—Contract has been awarded for the construction of a new girls' dormitory at Trinity College, at a cost of approximately \$200,000. The new dormitory will be named the Southgate Memorial Building, in honor of the late T. S. Southgate of the Methodist denomination.

—The Republican State Executive committee and a host of other pie-hunting Republicans of North Carolina met in Greensboro last Thursday, for the purpose of making out the slate of Federal appointees for North Carolina. Marion Butler, who came down from his Washington home to take part in the gathering, has announced that he will take the matter of appointment of some of the defeated contestants direct to President Harding; and he dubs the meeting at Raleigh as "utterly disgusting."

—E. G. Moss, of the State Department of Agriculture says that it pays to fertilize tobacco freely, as well as to use the better grades of fertilizer.

—The annual Easter dances began at the State University at Chapel Hill on Tuesday of this week, and will continue for three days. Ladies from all parts of the State and many out of the State are attending the dances.

—An automobile show will be held in Rocky Mount from May 10 to 14.

—Eastern North Carolina Republicans are somewhat sore at the action of the Republican leaders at the meeting in Greensboro last week;

## THE EDITOR'S EASY JOB!

From "The Editorial: A Study in Effective Writing" By L. N. FLINT Chairman Department of Journalism UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

An editor has a reasonable chance of succeeding if he can learn to pick out of the day's jumble the significant things suitable for editorial handling. If he can sense maladjustments where every thing is apparently going smoothly.

If he can appreciate excellencies that others are too busy or too obtuse to see. If he has enough philosophy of life to insure fundamental consistency in the positions he takes.

If he can pass by the non-essentials of a subject to the real heart of the matter. If he knows when and how to be severe, kindly, ironical, gay, sentimental, brilliant, serious.

If he can adjust subject to reader, putting the right thing first and the right thing last.

If, through a sense of humor or any other means, he has developed a balanced sanity as regards his own importance.

If he is strong enough so that he may safely let his readers see that he does not believe all the truth to be on his side and all error on the other side.

If he knows when to "stay on the fence" and when to get off, and can do both courageously.

If he likes people well enough to enjoy seeing them happy and to help make them happy, even if he has to make them discontented at first.

If he is not too hungry for popularity nor too much above caring for it.

If he is free from the itch of office—no matter if it is true that there are usually fifty editors in Congress. He might make an admirable official but not while being an editor.

If he can make the important international questions seem as real as the contest for the postoffice.

And, in case he is a country editor—

If he can run his typewriter with one hand while using the other to correct proof, write copy, make out subscription receipts, keep the books, order paper stock, welcome visitors from Wild Cat Township, take 3-line personals over the telephone, open the mail, pay the freight bill, ward off the brickbats, and flag destiny. (Add operating linotype—Editor.)

The American Press adds:

If he knows the cost of his product, and offers that product for sale at a reasonable profit.

If he has an advertising rate and sticks to it, treating every advertiser impartially and justly.

If he closes the door against the space grafter and the press agent.

If he refuses for temporary and secret profit to undermine those who engage in work for his prosperity.

If he has sufficient poise not to be swept off his feet by flag wavers, political opportunists, bigots, cranks, sensational reformers and world beating enthusiasts.

If he realizes he must work for the development of the country press as a whole, and that no country newspaper can stem the tide by playing a lone hand.

when only western Republicans were given endorsements for the Federal appointments. Easterners say that, if the Republican Party is successful in the State, the receipts must come out of the East, and that the East should receive recognition at the hands of the party leaders.

—The annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina is in session at Rocky Mount this week.

—The Easter Monday baseball game between State College and Wake Forest college, which was broken up in the first inning by rain, will be played off in Raleigh on next Monday.

—Governor Morrison spoke to the gathering of North Carolina Bankers at their annual banquet held in Raleigh on Tuesday night.

—Durham on Tuesday voted to inaugurate the City Manager plan of city government, the majority being 805 out of a registration of 1811.

—Fayetteville citizens on Tuesday voted to issue \$225,000 in bonds for the improvement of their city schools.

—Henry E. Bonitz, prominent architect of Wilmington, died at his home on last Sunday morning. Mr. Bonitz drew the plans for the first brick building constructed on the present high school site in Ahoskie.

### COUNTY BUYS FORDSON

Hertford County on Monday purchased a Fordson from the local dealers, and will use it in the working of the county's roads. The new tractor was demonstrated on the streets of Ahoskie on Tuesday, under the direction of Mr. O. H. Britton, who is endeavoring to rehabilitate the streets of the town.

### OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Valuable Prizes Are Offered to Amateur Artist of State Schools.

Get out the India ink and a fine pointed pen for—

The Cotton and Tobacco Cooperative Marketing Associations are offering prizes for cartoons made by amateurs.

Students of any school in North Carolina are eligible and while finished cartoons are desired rough sketches will be considered if they contain ideas that can be worked out by regular artists.

The Cooperative Marketing Associations announce that they want material that can be used in the cooperative marketing and the advantages derived from it by the farmers business and professional men. In other words of a familiar song "There's a long, long trail a winding" between the far and the cotton mill or the tobacco factory under the present system of selling. The growers' cooperative associations are now paid for sending cotton and tobacco over it.

Cartoon contestants can find plenty of literature at libraries on cooperation among farmers and especially cooperation in California where last year the growers marketed crops that were worth about \$275,000,000 thru their own organizations.

Prizes for cartoons or sketches that can be used by the North Carolina associations are: First Prize \$15; second \$10; and third \$5. The contest closes April 16 and all drawings must be sent to Campaign Director, Cooperative Marketing Association, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Registration Books Will Be Open During the Month of April With Mr. Paul Holloman as Registrar—All Women Must Register—Old Board May Consent to Stand for Reelection and Is Popular Choice.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a notice of election for town officers of Ahoskie; also a notice by Paul W. Holloman, Registrar, announcing the opening of the registration books to all who have not previously registered in the town. The latter announcement should be of particular interest to the newly enfranchised woman voters, who will have to register if they expect to vote in the city election in May. Those ladies who registered for the State and County primaries last year will also have to register upon the town's books. Those entitled to register must have resided within the town for six months prior to the date set for election in May, which will be Monday, May 2nd.

The town charter does not provide for either a primary or a convention in order to select the nominees for office. In fact, the charter permits any person, after announcing himself or herself for office, to make the race for either one of the offices, the voters to write in the name and office for which such aspirant may seek. It has not yet been decided what course will be taken in selecting the candidates. Usually, they have been selected by the convention method but it is, at least, not the most representative way, and there are many who favor its abolition. On the other hand, a primary is rather expensive and long drawn out for the minor offices such as the Ahoskie city offices. This problem has been solved in many of the smaller towns of the State by designating a few hours of a selected day, during which the primary may be conducted. The course of action has not yet been decided upon, but there is a decided tendency against the convention system, especially since the women of the town are expected to take a leading part in the selection of the next council and mayor.

Of equal importance with registration and nomination is the personnel of the next board of commissioners and Mayor. There are a large number who would retain the present board in toto; in fact, a majority of the voters of the town are believed to favor their retention in office. However, these men say they will not stand for reelection; at least some of them have made that assertion. The members of the present council who have served as much as two or four years are emphatic that they will not have the office again. However, with the proper amount of pressure brought to bear upon them, it is more than likely that they will stand for reelection again this spring. There is an abundance of argument in favor of their reelection; and facts that are self evident to the most wary. They have put over a program of municipal improvement that eclipses all other town improvements before their time; and they have done it with little friction. The Herald is not in the nominating business, but it heartily echoes the suggestion that the present board be re-elected to office.

This newspaper has been doing all the public talking about the approaching election, it seems; but it has not done all the private talking and slate making. In fact several local persons have been mentioned for the offices, among them being Robert Holoman and J. R. Garrett, for mayor. Voters generally take kindly to the suggestion that a woman be elected to one of the town offices.

Unless opposition develops, it is ve-

## SOCIAL EVENT OF MUCH INTEREST IS GIVEN IN AHOSKIE

THE METHODIST PEOPLE DRAW CROWD

"Womanless" Wedding at the School Auditorium Brings A Handsome Sum to the Methodist Church—One of the Most Brilliant Occasions of the Season—"Sweet-Adeliners" Top the Bill

"The Womanless Wedding", with Miss Charlie Conger and Mr. Bob Taylor as the contracting parties, was solemnized at the school auditorium here last Friday night, in the presence of a vast throng of friends and relatives of the principals. The "Right Reverend" Billy Rogers fastened together the man and so-called woman in the "rusty bonds of padlock". The building, long before the opening of the ceremonial, was packed and some were forced to stand to witness the farce.

Immediately preceding the processional, Marion Basnight sang "I Love You Truly," Mr. Earle Larence being the accompanist. Then, as the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March pealed forth its meaningful tones—"Here Comes The Bride"—the gorgeously gowned lady attendants (with richly painted mannish cheek bones, their lips not touched by the "lip-stick", and eyebrows borrowed from the cabaret of anti-prohibition times), marched slowly down the aisle, while the groomsmen prodded down the opposite aisle. They met at the steps to the stage, the groomsmen lightly touched "their lady's" muscled arms, bared as if ready for a pugilistic encounter, both stepped upon the stage, and took their places on opposite sides of the hymenal altar. In the meantime, while the ladies were having their "coming out" the spectators almost broke up the solemn ceremony, breaking loose in a pandemonium of shoutings, laughter and otherwise marring the solemnity of the occasion. Even the attendants so far forgot themselves as to snicker, grin, and now and then would smile.

Then came the little flower girls, and the ring bearer. And, they were "awfully cute." However, notwithstanding their "cuteness", they were soon forgotten by the audience, whose eyes were the next instant riveted upon the bride, who entered the aisle (that led to her life slavery) leaning on the strong arms of her devoted father, Rev. E. L. Sawyer. The charming bride was gowned in an imported frock of white lace (borrowed off somebody's window), with long court trail, carrying a large bouquet of bride roses (picked from another friend's collar patch). She was lovely, winsome, charming, and otherwise superlatively attractive. (In fact, she would "attract" most any kind of missile, if seen upon the streets.)

The groom entered from the anteroom, attended by Brother, Walter Johnson, the couple meeting as they approached the presiding minister, who read the ceremony which tied them together in loud, sonorous tones. The ring ceremony was used, the groom saluted the bride, and the bridal party marched out the aisles as the recessional was played.

Much more could be written about this marriage, but little could be said about the lady attendant's dresses, for, the reporter confesses, there was hardly enough of each dress to utter a deep breath (one breath would have been sufficient to make out of the

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ry likely that the old board will stand for re-election, with the possible exception of one member, whose place will probably be filled by a lady candidate, now in the making.