

LIQUOR SMUGGLING NOW PRESENTS THE GREATEST PROBLEM

In Prohibition Enforcement, Says Mrs. Mabel Walker in Her Annual Report to Mr. Daugherty.

LIGHT SENTENCES GIVEN VIOLATORS

Rum Running is the Biggest Criminal Problem United States Has Ever Faced, Mrs. Walker Says.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—Rum running presents now the greatest problem in prohibition enforcement, Mrs. Mabel Walker, assistant attorney general in charge of enforcement prosecution, declared in her annual report today to Attorney General Daugherty.

"The liquor smuggling business," Mrs. Walker said, "is the biggest criminal problem the United States has ever faced. On the high seas the coast guard is our police force within our territorial waters, and is assisted by customs officers and United States marshals and their deputies. An observation is convincing that the equipment is not sufficient to protect long coast lines."

While no precise estimate of the amount of liquor smuggled could be obtained, the report said, an indication of the amount was seen in imports to and exports from nearby British possessions. Official data, it was said, showed liquor shipments from Nassau alone, all said to be destined to the United States, were valued at \$7,059,294 during the last fiscal year, while importations there totalling \$4,500,000, the difference being held to represent bootleggers' profits from operations at this one port.

PROHIBITION AGENTS GIVEN A HARD KNOCK

Head of National Civil Service Reform League Says Enforcement Service is Full of "Scoundrels." Chicago, Nov. 4.—Reading a letter addressed to the prohibition committee of the National Civil Service Reform league, of which he is president, William Dudley Foulke today is an address at the Union League club declared that the prohibition enforcement service is "honeycombed with the most unmitigated scoundrels in the world."

Political appointment of prohibition agents, the letter says, "creates a political partisan force, sure, as experience shows, to be incompetent, ineffectual, blinded-eyed and black malingers."

Prohibition Commission Haynes, it went on, turned out "corrupt Democratic officials and put in their places, equally corrupt Republican officials on the recommendation of congressmen."

The league, the letter said, had tried unsuccessfully to interest former Representative Volstead, author of the Volstead act, and Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the anti-saloon league, in civil service for all prohibition employees.

His organization, Mr. Foulke said, would rather have no civil service than the proposed bill which he said was based by Commissioner Haynes and which he said would leave the higher positions open to presidential appointment.

Mrs. Pace Acquitted of Murder Charge. Greenville, S. C., Nov. 7.—Mrs. Thelma Pace, of West Greenville, today was acquitted of the charge of murder of her husband, Arthur Pace, in a directed verdict. Judge Townsend, of the Court of General Sessions, ordered the verdict after evidence was introduced by the State showing Pace accidentally killed while showing his wife how to shoot a pistol. The gun in evidence showed only one cartridge in it at the time.

Disciples of Christ Meet in Raleigh. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Nov. 6.—With delegates from all sections of the state in attendance the Disciples of Christ, holding their 79th session of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention this morning began the first of the business sessions which will last through tomorrow night. The convention opened last night with addresses of welcome to the City.

Can He Do It?



Karl Huszar has arrived in this country from abroad to try to fill the shoes of America's fat screen comedian. He thinks he can do it. He is 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall and weighs 300 pounds.

TWELVE KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 6.—Twelve bodies have been taken from a shaft mine in the Raleigh-Wyoming Coal Co. at Glen Rogers, Wyoming County, in which an explosion occurred this morning, and little hope is entertained for thirty men still within the workings, the State Department of Mines reported today.

HOPE OF AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT NOT LOST

French Ambassador Spent 20 Minutes With President Coolidge This Morning. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—With a complete statement of the conflicting views of the European allies before it, the American government today weighed painstakingly the question whether the door has been closed to American aid in the expert reparations inquiry. In no quarter was there any authentic indication how soon a decision would be reached or in what direction the opinions of high officials was tending. It was apparent, however, that hope of an eventual agreement had not been lost.

Shortly before President Coolidge and his cabinet assembled for the regular Tuesday morning meeting, Ambassador Jusserand of France called at the White House and spent 20 minutes with the Chief Executive. He said the aim came primarily to pay his respects, but left the inquirers to draw their own inferences as to what subjects had been discussed.

FUNERAL OF A. W. KAPLAN

No Trace of Man Who Gave Him His Fatal Wound. (By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, Nov. 7.—The funeral of A. W. Kaplan, local pawn broker, who died in a local hospital early Sunday as a result of wounds inflicted Saturday by a white man, though by police to have been Otis Wood, was conducted from his home here this afternoon. During the hour of the funeral a number of business places were closed. No trace has yet been found of the man sought in the case.

Latest development in the police end has been the formal designation of Wood as an outlaw, this act taking place this morning when the usual procedure was resorted to, and justice of the peace officially classed him as an outlaw.

Poincare Stands Pat. Premier Poincare in his Sunday addresses reaffirmed the French government's unshakable determination not to accept any reduction whatsoever in the German debt of 132,000,000,000 gold marks as fixed by the London conference in 1921.

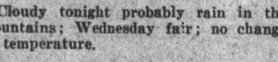
The Premier's declarations were strictly along the lines of his previous utterances on the reparations question, taking no cognizance of any new factor in the way of international negotiation in which the United States may be included. While no official announcement has been made on this point, it is believed in diplomatic circles that M. Poincare's speech reflects the French government's position, which will be communicated to the State Department at Washington by Ambassador Jusserand today.

Signs of weakening Belgian support for the French viewpoint are admitted freely everywhere. The adoption by Brussels of what is termed "the Anglo-American policy" is referred to by newspapers of the government as an accomplished fact. But this has failed to divert the French Premier from the course he has been pursuing on the reparations question since the occupation of the Ruhr.

Cotton Market Closed Today. New York, Nov. 6.—The cotton market closed today on account of the elections.

Lying taxes the memory. Truth-telling is tax-exempt.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Cloudy tonight probably rain in the mountains; Wednesday fair; no change in temperature.

Statement From the Board of Education of Cabarrus County

To the Voters of Cabarrus County: On November 20th a question of far-reaching importance will come before the citizens of Cabarrus county for settlement. Taking advantage of school legislation enacted by the last Legislature, the Board of Education of Cabarrus county has petitioned the County Commissioners to authorize an election for a county-wide special school tax, not to exceed 35 cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of property, in order to provide a system of High Schools and also improve the elementary schools of the county. The petition has been granted and the election is called for November 20th.

In conformity with the law, the Board has tentatively districted the county and laid its plan before the District Committee. Two things have been kept in mind. First, to so locate High Schools that each will have the requisite number of pupils to insure efficiency and economy in maintenance; and second, to locate the schools in such manner as to make them as accessible as possible and to keep the necessary cost of transportation down to the minimum. The Board plans, if the election carries, to establish High Schools sufficient in number and of such standard grade that every boy and girl in the county will be afforded a High School education in the county and within reasonable distance of his home. It is furthermore planned to improve the elementary schools. In the main the Board believes it will be

found feasible to retain the present elementary schools so that the smaller children may attend school close at home.

The Board calculates that with present valuation of property the above program can be carried out with 25 cents on the hundred dollar valuation of property, and it is the intention of the Board to make the rate 25 cents.

The county-wide system has decided advantages. It makes equal provision for all. It discriminates against none. Moreover, it will put Cabarrus county on a parity with the most progressive counties in the State educationally, and at a smaller cost.

Cabarrus county holds high rank in the State agriculturally and industrially. The proposed county-wide system of schools would bring our county up with the best educationally. It is not more than our boys and girls deserve. It is in the interest of the whole people and the issue rests with the people.

No county or people have ever been hurt or impoverished by making provision for good schools. Will not Cabarrus voters see to it that our school necessary papers are completed? The registration books close Saturday, November 10th. Let all friends of public education register and cast their votes for this measure.

W. R. ODELL, Chairman. W. F. SMITH. G. F. McALLISTER. The Board of Education of Cabarrus County.

THE COLORED FAIR

A Most Creditable Parade This Morning—Good Crowd at the Opening. The Cabarrus County Colored Fair got underway in full swing this morning with the big parade, which formed at 10:30 o'clock at the intersection of Corbin and Union streets, and marched to the fair grounds.

The parade, which was witnessed by a large number of persons, was well gotten up, and was probably a mile or more long. In it were four bands, several score horseback riders, both men and women, decorated floats, truck loads of school children, and the like. One float in the parade consisted of a 'possum tree in which were three 'possums, while at the foot of the tree stood a 'possum dog, ready to catch any of the fellows that tried to make his getaway.

Reports from the Fair grounds are to the effect that a good crowd was present at the opening of the fair, despite the threatening weather which attended the opening. The Fair will continue for four days.

DECEMBER COTTON IS NOW OVER 32 CENTS

Final Transactions in December Cotton at New Orleans Were on Basis of 32.44. New Orleans, Nov. 5.—After considerable backing and filling in the first half of the session, the cotton market today took on great strength, and in the older longs went to new high price records for the season. Late in the day it was 69 to 77 points up with December trading at 32.50 a pound. The close was 64 to 75 points net higher on the session with the final transaction in the December position at 32.44.

Reasons for the strength were a good Liverpool, persistent reports that Lancashire spinners were about to get government aid, further unfavorable weather in the belt, much talk of very small gains and what appeared to be a good trade demand for contracts which at one stage, was said to be talking of about everything realizing longs were selling. For a while there was much talk of a weaker spot basis in the interior but finally it was explained that any weakness was in the higher grades and that it was due to the increasing demand for the lower grades. This was considered a highly favorable development and on it prices reached their highest levels.

In the early trading the market was 16 to 30 points up, mainly as the result of the good showing of Liverpool. Realizing became heavy and it soon had the market at small declines. At the middle of the morning the declines amounted to 4 to 14 points, with December off to 31.70. This was the low in the day's fluctuations.

Chief Executives of Railroad Labor Organizations to Meet

Cleveland, O., Nov. 6 (By the Associated Press).—A meeting of the chief executives of sixteen standard railroad labor organizations "for the purpose of agreeing on definite railroad legislation policy in connection with matters to come before the next Congress" has been called by Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to meet in Washington Wednesday morning, November 14th, Mr. Stone announced today.

TO PAY DEPOSITORS OF DEFUNCT RALEIGH BANK

Superba Theatre to Be Sold—Amount to Go to Depositors. Raleigh, Nov. 6.—Under an agreement approved here yesterday, the Superba Theatre today will change hands if the change is being made in order that the depositors of the defunct Central Bank & Trust Co. may realize on their deposits. The depositors some months ago when the bank failed were guaranteed a total of 153,000 refund, this being approximately 75 cents on the dollar in the criminal prosecution against R. G. Allen, former President of the bank, was dropped. The failure of Allen to pay notes which he gave, and which were secured by the endorsement of the Superba Theatre property, caused the matter to be taken back to the Superior Court yesterday, and the property will change hands for \$150,000. The greater part of this will go to the depositors.

COTTON INQUIRY

All Phases Represented at the Washington Meeting. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—All phases of cotton were represented here today at the opening of the Federal Trade Commission inquiry into conditions and practices of the industry. Information in commendation of it will make a resolution for legislation in response to a resolution by the Senate on the subject last winter. Commission members said they plan to allow a full statement of all dues on the subject of grading, trade practices, warehouse deliveries and financing. Indications were that the meetings would occupy three days.

Rowan County Negro is Held For Settling Fire to a Barn

Salisbury, Nov. 5.—William Chunn, a Salisbury negro man, is in jail in default of \$4,000 bond charged with burning a barn of Richard Miller, white, eight miles east of Salisbury. Officers say evidence in very strong against Chunn. Miller had Chunn arrested and taken in jail Saturday for stealing parts of a set of harness. He later gave bond and that same night got another negro to take him in a machine to the Miller neighborhood and let him out. He walked away and later returned to the machine and when he got back a fire was seen burning. Chunn refused to go with the driver to investigate the fire but set out on foot back to Salisbury. The driver found the barn burning and when he told Mr. Miller of Chunn's actions Miller set out and soon overtook Chunn and had him before a magistrate who sent him up to court.

Several head of stock were burned with the barn.

Fox Refuses to Add Anything to His Statement

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6.—While Solicitor John A. Boykin asked the Fulton County grand jury today to indict Philip F. Fox, editor of the "Night Hawk," official organ of the Ku Klux Klan, the prisoner refused to add anything to his statement that Captain W. S. Coburn had threatened to "run him in" in explanation of which he shot the attorney late yesterday.

If there were no clouds, we should not enjoy the sun.

A SPLENDID EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IS PROPOSED

An Excellent System Offered The Folks at Home—Plan Economical.—This, the Last Week to Register.—Election Day November Twentieth.

An educational system that provides for efficient elementary and high school training for every boy and every girl in the county at his own home is what is offered by the proposed plan for County-wide School Improvements. This system combines efficiency and economy. It provides efficiency because it is to be made up to standard in organization, equipment and size. It is to be made economic in plan, organization and method of administration. It is a system that will meet the needs of our people, and will be given to them at home, where it may be had and used. At home is the best place to educate our children, and the only place where we can do it, and we can by no means afford not to do it.

Neither the selfish man, nor the unselfish man, can afford to oppose an efficient educational system for all our people. If our people are to produce the quantity and quality that they should, then they must be educated. If we are to save and to use to the best advantage what we produce, we must be educated. If our property and our lives are to count for the most, our people must be educated. Hence in the same proportion that our system of education is inadequate, we are all losers; and in proportion as we make our schools more demands upon us, we are all gainers. If you want to see a county lose her best citizenship by deterioration and migration, let that county fail to provide for the education of its people. What is a county worth without good citizenship? How can good citizenship be had in ignorance? How can intelligence be had without an efficient school system? If you want to see all the people throughout the entire county qualified for best citizenship and for full enjoyment of life and her richest blessings; and if you want to see all these good things come to our people and at the earliest possible date, and come by the most economical method possible, register this week if you have not already done so, and vote for school improvements on November 20th—you can't vote unless you register and the books close on next Saturday evening.

Those schools now carrying local tax will automatically have their local tax nullified if the county-wide plan carries, and these districts will plan a regular basis with all the other territory of the county. If the county-wide plan does not carry, all local taxes will remain as they are. The proposed county-wide plan puts all the property in the county, both individual and corporate, behind the county-wide program for school improvements, and this program offers superior advantages to any piecemeal plan, and at the least possible cost.

Livestock Growers to Meet at Hickory

Hickory, N. C., Nov. 5.—With leaders of state and south in agricultural stock present the annual meeting of the livestock growers of North Carolina will open here tomorrow night. The session will last through Wednesday.

C. A. Cobb will open the convention with a speech on agricultural and stock conditions in the South. Mr. Cobb is editor of the Southern Ruralist and is said to be an authority on the subject which he will discuss.

Wednesday morning a trip will be made to nearby poultry and dairy farms and then a business program will be carried out. The beef cattle, sheep and swine people will meet in one auditorium and the dairy cattle and poultry growers in another.

Wednesday night the North Carolina Jersey Cattle Club will take charge of the meeting and their annual meeting and banquet of the club will be held. The following day a sale of pure bred Carolina grown Jerseys will be undertaken.

Among speakers who will attend the session are the following: Dr. R. W. Kilgore of Raleigh, J. H. McLean of Washington, D. C., W. G. Randolph of the American Jersey Cattle Club, and members of the state agricultural department, County agent J. W. Hendricks of Catawba county will preside over the general meetings.

With Our Advertisers

Bloomers for school children from six years up, only 69 cents at Fisher's. See new ad today for other bargains. Buy an Edison for a Christmas present. See about it in the Musette new ad today.

J. E. Love is having big crowds at his store every day taking advantage of his Forced Sale in order to raise money. He still has many big bargains. The sale began last Friday and lasts only ten days.

The Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. has a beautiful line of wrist watches. See the famous all-steel Quartz Furnace at the Concord Furniture Co's.

You will find strikingly attractive millinery at the Parks-Belk Co's. See new ad today for some attractive prices.

Speeders to Be Arrested on the Spot

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Nov. 6.—Numerous complaints have caused a change in the methods of handling cases against speeders in Wake county, according to an announcement made here by Deputy Sheriff Joe Love, county traffic officer. Complaint has been made against the mailing of notices to those charged with speeding, in a number of cases the charges being dismissed when the alleged offender pleaded mistaken identity. In the future speeders will be arrested on the spot and carried before the nearest magistrate. The mailing of notices will be abandoned.

Four women are among the candidates for the lower house of the Maryland legislature in the coming election.

Latest



Recent photo of Martin E. Trapp, acting governor of Oklahoma.

THE STATE PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

About 200 Delegates Are in Attendance at First Meeting Today.

(By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, Nov. 6.—Meetings of the Board of Managers at 2 o'clock this afternoon was an introduction to the three days' session here of the State Parent-Teachers' Association. About 200 delegates are in attendance, and the convention promises to be one of the largest and most important held yet by the organization. The first session will open at 8 o'clock tonight when feature address will be made by A. T. Allen, state superintendent of Public Instruction. Greetings will be extended by Mayor James G. Haynes, and Mrs. R. H. Latham, president of the Woman's Club. They will be responded to by Mrs. Raymond Binford, of Guilford College.

A BAND OF ROBBERS ROBBED TWO BANKS TODAY

Cut All Telephone and Telegraph Wires and Guards to Present Interruption. (By the Associated Press.) Spencer, Ind., Nov. 6.—The band of robbers variously estimated in number from 14 to 20, robbed two banks here early today of approximately \$15,000 and wounded two citizens. Traveling in four automobiles the robbers first isolated the town by cutting all telephone and telegraph wires, then posted guards to prevent interruption while they blew open the bank vaults. The bandits remained in town more than an hour, and in gaining access to the vaults used several charges, almost wrecking one building. The banks entered were the National Bank of Spencer, and the Exchange State Bank.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

The Year Has Brought to the American People Two Tragic Experiences. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 6.—President Coolidge's Thanksgiving Day proclamation, issued today from the White House calls to mind that the year has brought to the American people two tragic experiences—the death of President Harding and the Japanese earthquake—but says such experiences serve to test and refine men and nations. During the year also, the proclamation says, the nation has been blessed with much of material prosperity.

King's Daughters Hold Satisfactory Meeting

The local circle of King's Daughters held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening at the home of Miss Janie Klutz on North Church street.

The visiting committee reported an unusual amount of work accomplished during the past month. Many visits were made, and clothing furnished to thirteen children, warm clothing to one woman, also money advanced to pay a nurse's services in one home, and the expense of a tubercular child, two years old, paid from the King's fund, while the child was receiving treatment at the orthopaedic hospital in Gastonia.

The circle gave expression to its regret that several feeble-minded children that have come to its attention can not be provided for at the Caswell Training School, for the want of room.

There are quite a number of children on the waiting list for clothes and before this demand can be met the circle will have to call upon its many friends in the community to send bundles of good warm clothing to the King's Daughters closet at the City Hall. You will greatly help the work and do a kindly service to many worthy individuals by a hearty response to this appeal.

The visiting committee for November is composed of the following: Mrs. W. A. Foll, and Misses Lottie Boyd and Mary King. The circle adjourned after a very busy and earnest meeting to meet with Miss May White on the first Monday evening in December.

Successor of Kitchin to Be Elected Today

Raleigh, Nov. 5.—Voters of the second congressional district will go to the polls tomorrow to elect Judge John H. Kerr, Warrenton, as successor to the late Representative Claude Kitchin. Judge Kerr, who has no opposition, was recently declared the democratic nominee following the withdrawal of R. G. Allsbrook, who ran second in the recent primary. The election is being held merely for the purpose of complying with the law.

LITTLE IN ELECTIONS TO SHOW WHICH WAY WIND IS BLOWING

Only a Few Issues Bearing on the Next Presidential Campaign Are Involved in Contests Today.

ONLY ONE SENATOR IS TO BE ELECTED

Seven New Representatives Will Be Elected to Congress.—But Slight Interest in Most of Races.

New York, Nov. 6 (By the Associated Press).—With a few issues having a bearing on the next Presidential campaign involved in the results to indicate how the national political wind is blowing. Only one new member of the United States Senate is to be elected. He will be chosen from Vermont to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Dillingham, whose term would have expired in 1927. Porter H. Dale, republican, and Park H. Poland, democrat, a cousin of President Coolidge, are candidates for the place. Prohibition issue is involved. Dale, favoring enforcement; Poland advocating modification of the Volstead act. Vermont normally is republican, and political wiseacres say there are no signs of an upheaval.

Seven new representatives will be elected to Congress, four in New York, and one each in Illinois, Vermont and North Carolina. Six of the Congressional elections are to fill vacancies caused by death, and one to fill a place left vacant by the resignation of Dale, of Vermont. In Illinois and North Carolina the democratic candidates will have no major party opposition. Slight interest has been manifested in other races with the possible exception of the 24th New York, where a close vote is forecast. Thos. A. Doyle, Democrat, has slight opposition in Illinois, where he seeks the place left vacant by the resignation of John A. Kerr in North Carolina. Judge John A. Kerr is unopposed to succeed the late Representative Claude Kitchin.

LOUIS MAYHEW HELD ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Bond Fixed at \$15,000—Alleged Amount of Embezzlement \$13,960. (By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, Nov. 6.—Louis Mayhew, stock and bond broker, who was arrested at Fairfax Courthouse, Va., last Friday, was brought back here Saturday to answer five charges of embezzlement and passing worthless checks, waived identification when a preliminary hearing was called in the city court this morning. The state took a nol pro on the worthless check charge, while Judge Hartman ordered Mayhew bound over to Superior Court on the embezzlement charges, his bond being fixed at \$15,000, this being one-half of the amount of the bond designated just after the defendant arrived here Saturday night. The alleged amount embezzled totals \$13,960, this money being turned over to Mayhew to purchase either stocks or bonds.

Large Supplies of Cotton Expected From the Sudan

(By the Associated Press.) Manchester, Nov. 6.—The growing of the American type of cotton in the Gezira area of the Sudan is developing rapidly and the output next year, it is estimated, will be double that of last year, while in 15 years time the Sudan will be producing a million bales of cotton a year.

These statements were made recently in London by Major-General Sir L. O. F. C. Stack, Governor General of the Sudan, who explained that the increased production would result from new development work, including the construction of a dam across the Nile which would bring an additional 30,000 acres of cotton under cultivation.

Rains in Mountains Haven't Relieved the Power Situation

Charlotte, Nov. 5.—Heavy rains in the mountains of North Carolina the past few days have failed to materially affect the weather shortage in the reservoirs of the Southern Power company, and the program of curtailment of power service, affecting industrial in this state and South Carolina, continues without change. It was announced here today at headquarters of the power company.

No Further Indication of America's Attitude

Paris, Nov. 6 (By the Associated Press).—Premier Poincare today received Ambassador Jusserand's cable report on his conversation with Secretary of State Hughes in Washington yesterday. The conversation is described as most friendly, but no further indication of the American government's attitude is given in official quarters.

Community Meeting at Poplar Tent

Thursday night of this week, November 8th, Mr. Buford Blackwelder, will speak at Poplar Tent school in the interest of the county-wide special tax election to be held November 20th. All parents and friends of education are invited and urged to go out and hear Mr. Blackwelder explain this most important issue.

Alberta Votes to Allow Sale of Liquors

Calgary, Nov. 6.—Alberta today was in the line of Canadian provinces which has thrown prohibition into the discard, having voted yesterday to allow the sale of liquors under control and regulation of the government, and to allow the sale and consumption of beer on licensed premises and in the home.

What Do We Vote For When We Vote "For Special Tax" on November 20?

- 1 An eight months' term for every child in the county.
2 An efficient High School in reach of every child in the county.
3 Trucks to transport to these High Schools those children who live too far away to walk to them.
4 Not over 35c on the one hundred dollars' worth of property, or as much less as the program can be put on for—less than one-half cent on the dollar—nothing on the poll.
This does not mean that the schools which we now have will be done away with. We will continue to have the Elementary Schools.

The sticker seldom gets stuck.