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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is, and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices, after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1924.

Anti-suffragist says men may stop having their hair cut because it is becoming too feminine.

The Watts-Morrison episode on the convention floor at New York is being discussed as if it was the first time either of the two ever used American English.

While we are talking of America's supremacy in the air our public speakers should not be overlooked.

The most independent thing noticed on the Fourth was an unruly flyver that refused to budge.

Rutherford's full time health officer is now active with the duties of his office, but a similar movement in this county seems to have died in its infancy—along with several others.

The coming of so many Russian actors to America may be explained by the fact that eggs are selling for one cent each in Russia.

The tables have turned. Max Gardner, in the habit of charging for his advice, had to pay nearly one hundred dollars for advice from home folks while at the convention.

Concerning the Democratic convention the Asheville Times remarked that the man with the most religious prejudice usually has the least religion.

A new faction is to be dealt with in North Carolina politics, and one of some power. The ex-service men had their first little skirmish Saturday since six years ago—and they won.

TIME "FUGITS"

Shelby once had a better baseball club than Charlotte, and "No bananas today" was not the first saying of its kind. Proof of our assertion is in the ten and twenty years ago column carried by The Charlotte Observer, Saturday. Furthermore, Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, was a barbeque speaker much in demand twenty years ago, and the saying, "On the Rocks" must have originated in Gastonia forty years ago. These assertions are based on the twenty and forty years ago column of the Gastonia Gazette of Friday.

Ten years ago The Charlotte Observer carried a news item which read: "Watermelon crop a failure. Farmers say they have no melons today." The banana ditty might have "Darwined" from the melons. Twenty years ago The Observer carried an account of the Fourth of July baseball game which said: "Shelby out-clubbed Charlotte in a baseball game." Perhaps though it was a high school game instead of professional, which is a present day possibility. Twenty years ago in The Gastonia Gazette C. W. Fuller announced that his big barbeque would be held at Bessemer City August 6, and that the speakers would include "Hons. E. Y. Webb, R. B. Glenn and Jake Newell." Forty years ago The Gazette carried the following item, which might have been entitled, "On the Rocks":

"Some three weeks ago a plucky old hen concluded to sit on one egg, and the owner, in order to break up her calculations filled the box in which she wanted to sit with rocks thinking that of course her sitting propensity would then be broken up. But not so. The old hen spread herself out on top of the rocks and for more than a week has not come off to eat or drink. She takes to those rocks without any seeming inconvenience or trouble of mind. A little five year old says that the old hen is going to hatch out young rocks, and if there is nothing new under the sun, it is agreed to let her try her skill at them."

Yes, time obeys no speed laws, and changes many things as it flits by.

WHAT WE PAY; WHAT WE GET.

Cleveland county has been discriminated against in the matter of road building in North Carolina and The Star wants to submit a few figures to prove that we are entitled to more. In the first place the road bond issues total 65 millions, not counting what the state gets from the Federal government. If Cleveland were an average county, we should be entitled to \$650,000, but Cleveland is above the average of the 100 North Carolina counties in wealth, population, road mileage, number of motor vehicles and territory, so if the proper distribution were made, Cleveland should be entitled to about \$750,000, yet we have less than a half million invested in

the Kings Mountain-Shelby road and bridges, the only state constructed road in the county. Mr. Page says the average gasoline consumption per motor vehicle in North Carolina is 340 gallons per year. This is lower than ever before because of the good roads, but figuring gasoline on this basis each of the 4,000 motor vehicles used \$135 worth of gasoline annually, or a total consumption at 25c a gallon of \$540,000. On this the state levied three cents per gallon of \$54,800 which without automobile license tax of \$76,000 makes a total of \$130,800 which the state collects annually from Cleveland county auto owners to maintain the county-seat highways, pay interest on bonds and create a sinking fund to retire them. In less than four years at the present rate, the county will have paid the State of North Carolina all that she has invested in hard roads in Cleveland county.

We cite these figures to show that we are entitled to have the contract let for the hard surface from Shelby west to the Rutherford county line and that the highway commission should adopt a road leading south to the South Carolina line and maintain it just as she is maintaining the county seat roads leading now to Rutherford, Morganton and Lincolnton. In all the southern part of the county there is not a state-maintained highway and we submit to Mr. Kistler, the highway commissioner from this district that we are not only entitled to a state-maintained route south, but the contract should be let for another link in the Charlotte-Asheville highway to the Rutherford line.

BIBLES FOR HOSPITALS

A Shelby minister recently visited the Shelby public hospital and as he passed from room to room greeting the patients and inquiring about their condition he noted the absence of something perhaps not missed before that should never have been missing to be missed—Bibles in the rooms. The minister has visited many hospitals and according to his recollection the local hospital is the only one not to have a Bible in each room. A never failing source of consolation the suffering yearn for the comfort that the Bible alone can give and they at least have noticed the absence of the Holy Book from their rooms. No doubt it was an oversight that no Bibles were provided, but the oversight should have been noticed prior to this time. Shelby people seem inclined to give the hospital very little attention. However, the minister who noted the absence of the Bible did not forget and upon reaching town he mentioned the fact to one of the town's leading business men—we insert the "leading" because of his act, not knowing who he is. This business man generously volunteered to buy enough Bibles for every room, and Saturday 30 Bibles were delivered to the hospital. Who the minister and the business man were is no one's business but their own, but it is the duty of Shelby people to see that many little favors that can be done are done for the suffering and sick who are forced to enter the local hospital. Who knows but that the little acts of kindness may be repaid sometime in a similar manner?

GRIST AND HIS "BUDDIES"

In the second primary Saturday for Commissioner of Labor and Printing Frank D. Grist won over M. L. Shipman, incumbent, by a majority even larger than the fondest hopes of the Lenoir printer. With the victory a new political faction makes an active debut into North Carolina politics. Hereafter a candidate for his own good should be at least on friendly terms with the American Legion and ex-service men. Saturday's primary was an unofficial battle between the American Legion and labor. The voting was light, but in some instances heavier than expected due to the activity of the World War veterans. Unusual it was, marked by two incidents. Grist was the only veteran on the state ticket and he won, and in winning he defeated a state office incumbent for the first time in many years. There were those who tried to scare the ex-service man out of the second primary and the move, perhaps, beat Mr. Shipman, for Carolinians are for fair play first, last, and always. At the same time the impression was left with the ex-service men that a few politicians considered the ex-service candidate an "upstart" and his service supporters equally so. It riled the boys and the landslide to Grist is their answer. Congratulations are in order to the boys as well as Mr. Grist, for it was a victory of their making—and several people know their scrapping ability.

AMERICAN STUDENTS EXAMINE MEXICAN PYRAMIDS

Prehistoric culture in Mexico will be studied next summer by a group of students led by Dr. Bryon Cummings, head of the department of archaeology, University of Arizona, who will visit the City of Mexico, to examine the pyramid of Cuicuilco, which is said to be more than 10,000 years old. This pyramid was uncovered through the efforts of Doctor Cummings, with the assistance of the Mexican government.

Justice is blind, but most of us think we are eye doctors.

Some college has been giving the thermometer a few honorary degrees.

Men are known by the company they keep; women by the clothes they keep on wearing.

June is gone and those who managed to stay single through it are fairly safe for another 11 months.

GREAT CROWDS SEE PAGEANT IN GASTON

Eight Episodes Presented Despite Downpour of Rain Friday. Graphic and Beautiful

Gastonia, July 4.—Although the latter half of the event was marred by rain, the Gaston county historical pageant presented here this afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by an audience of more than 3,000 people. The pageant depicted the history of Gaston county from early Indian days to the present time. There were eight episodes, and each one was presented by some one of the towns of the county. The whole affair was written and staged by Miss Pearl Setzer, late of the Carolina playmakers. Unwritten and legendary history was graphically and faithfully portrayed by the actors, of whom there were a thousand in all the episodes.

Every sort of costume and custom from the Indian to the present was represented, including the buff and blue of the revolution, the powdered wigs, knee breeches, slippers, buckles, hoop skirts, pantalets, the gray of the civil war period and the khaki of the world war, Indian maidens, dark haired and with a glint of romance in their eyes (a few with bobbed hair and rouged cheeks,) stalwart Indian braves with tomahawks and bows in their hands, squaws with papooses on their backs, an old negro mammy with a white child on her knee—all gay and laughing, intent on putting their best into the pageant.

Properties such as Indian tepees and flint lock rifles were there in abundance.

The Indian scene by Mt. Holly was splendidly executed and showed a great amount of work on their part. The acting was extremely realistic and artistic. The solo, "By the Waters of Minnetonka," by Miss Grace Kohn, was acted out in pantomime by the 30 or more maidens who rose and fell in unison with the beautiful and weird melody of the Indian lover. The scene ended in the abdication of the land by the redskins after the signing of the deed to the white men.

In Pioneer Days

The early pioneers going to church were represented by the Lowell delegation. Small girls and boys between their parents, the father carrying a gun, and the old prairie schooner of the few who could afford to ride, all joined in the procession which led to the outdoor grove where the stern old preacher who believed in eternal fire and brimstone for those who sinned and everlasting goodness for the chosen, held the devotional services. The strain of the good old doxology arose in a stirring strain over the stage, and the praying and singing were done with a gusto that is not altogether true of present day church goers.

The Cherryville group portrayed the historic signing of the Tryon declaration of independence, and the men who performed this part were just as much in earnest as were their forefathers who pledged their allegiance to the cause of freedom and justice for all. Their scene was merged into the stirring episode of the call of the South Fork boys to arms by the announcement that the British were coming. The scene was laid at the home of Major Chronicle, where a magnificent reception was being given by him for his distinguished guests. The stately minuet was danced by Belmont and Gastonia men and women, who endorsed it with all the grace and dignity of the early days. The closing scene showed the patriots going to fight in defense of the country and the women shedding tears over their departure.

In Ante-Bellum Times

Old Confederate and ante-bellum days were faithfully reproduced by the Dallas group, who brought in a stage coach with two of their citizens in it to welcome the assemblage who awaited the Virginia reel. And dance it they did, if any group of Old Dominion folks ever did. The orchestra of the old time type plunked and sawed away at their strings while the agile footed men and women, who are not so old after all, skipped and hopped around like three-year olds. The audience could not refrain from clapping their hands when the string band bore down on a particularly lively air.

The mining of iron ore in Gaston county was shown by the Bessemer City delegation who had a large smoke stack to represent an iron smelter. When the boys came marching by with the stars and bars on their shoulders, the workers joined them with a mighty whoop of approval.

BEER HELPS MAN LIVE TO BE OVER 100 YEARS

Berlin, July 5.—Tiring of life in the country some 80 years ago, Herr Bruno Berendt moved to Berlin. He has lived here ever since and a few days ago celebrated his 102nd birthday.

The old gentleman says he is sure if he had remained in the country he would have passed away 20 or 30 years ago. He thinks city life is conducive to longevity, although he owns hundreds of acres of farms in various parts of Germany. Herr Berendt drinks beer for breakfast and began smoking a pipe before he came to Berlin.

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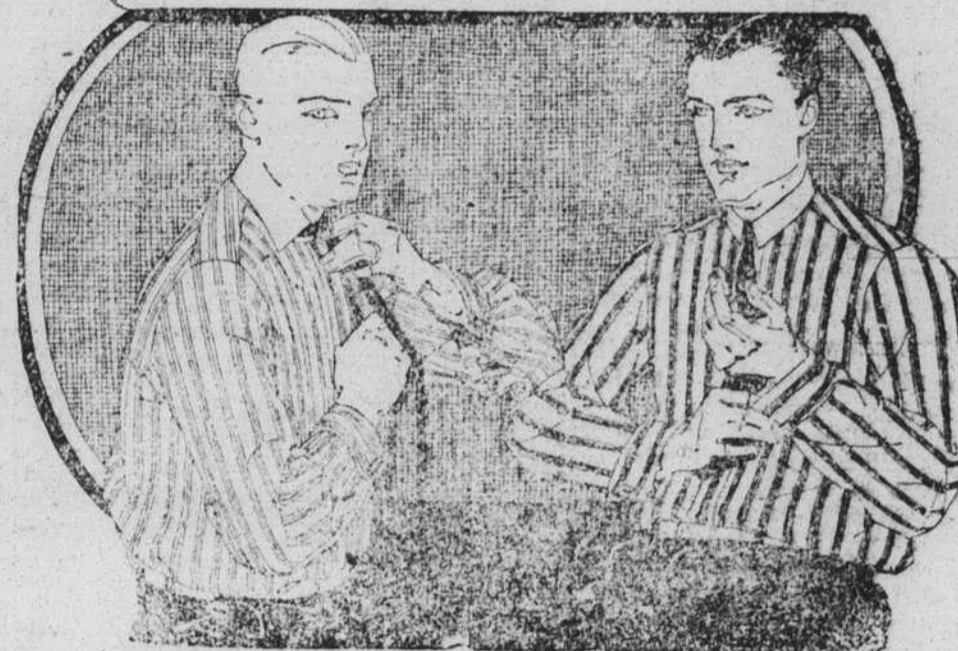
3500—20 of them to sell, regular price, \$22.50 each, special price this week \$18.50
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544 sold at \$30.00 now \$25.00
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