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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it 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 29, 1924

**BATTLEGROUND PARK.**

Major A. L. Bulwinkle, congressman from this district revives the talk of Kings Mountain battleground being made a national park. He is quoted in the Yorkville Enquirer as saying that the government will make this a national park if the government is given the title to the site. If the matter of a title is the only thing that stands in the way, we feel that the site can be secured with little trouble, even if the necessary funds have to be raised by public subscription to purchase it from the patriotic association of Yorkville which now owns it.

This battle is often referred to as the turning point in the revolution for American independence. If that is true, Congress should not hesitate one minute in appropriating the necessary funds to make the spot a national park with roads leading to it so the thousands who are interested in our traditions and our government can visit and see where Ferguson fell and British forces were so crippled that independence soon followed.

There has been much talk about the national park, but no definite steps have been taken. We think the time is ripe now for those who are interested in this important historical event to make the move before Congress. With the right sort of organization, we believe the park can be put over and Shelby always stands ready to help to its fullest capacity.

**THE STATE ROAD SOUTH.**

The people of Cleveland county all rejoice in the fact that the state highway commission will maintain a road south leading from Shelby to the South Carolina line. When this is done, the county will have four state highways leading to adjoining county seats which will be in keeping with the announced purpose of the state road system. We have always been entitled to a state maintained road south but not until now have we stood in line to get it. In all the distribution of highway funds, Cleveland county has suffered, the only hard-surface construction being 4 miles from Shelby to Kings Mountain. By all means we should have a hard surface from Shelby west to the Rutherford county line, but with the funds spent in other counties there is no chance for this unless the legislature is induced to vote the proposed thirty-five million dollar additional.

Much is to be gained in the benefit of better travel by the state maintained road south. Just which route will be selected remains to be seen, but either will be better than no road at all and we hope Mr. Kistler will give us a highway south that will be maintained as well as Mr. Whitworth maintains the soil road toward Cherryville, which in our opinion is as easy to travel over as the hard surface.

**Well Known Miller Dies At Lawndale**

Special to The Star.  
On last Monday morning July 21, at 10:40 o'clock the death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright near Lawndale and claimed for its victim Mrs. Wright's father, Mr. V. A. Mitchem. He had been in declining health for some time but the end was not expected so soon. He leaves one daughter Mrs. C. C. Wright with whom he made his home. Also surviving is one sister Mrs. B. F. Weist. His wife preceded him to the grave 12 years ago. He was widely known and respected, having been a miller by trade since early manhood, until two years ago when he retired and moved with his daughter to their little farm near Lawndale.

He was about 68 years of age. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Little in the presence of a crowd of relatives and friends and his body laid to rest in New Bethel Baptist church cemetery, beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

**FINE MEETING CLOSSES AT SANDY PLAINS CHURCH**

Rev. G. P. Abernethy closed one of the finest old time revival meetings which he has ever held at Sandy Plains Baptist church last week. He did the preaching while Mr. M. C. Dellinger of Stanley Creek led the singing. There were 26 additions to the church on profession of faith.

On Sunday Mr. Abernethy began a revival at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Beams Mill which runs through this week.

Next week he begins a revival at New Hope Baptist church. At this meeting the singing will be led by Mr. Q. L. Frye of Hickory.

**Boy Scouts Troop 2 Off To Black Mountain**

Troop No. 2 of the Boy Scouts of America, left at 8 o'clock Monday morning for Black Mountain for an encampment of ten days. They were in charge of Prof. Henry Davis of the Shelby public school faculty as head scout master and Haskel Wilson as assistant scout master. They boys took their camping equipment along with them and were dressed in full scout regalia. As they left their headquarters at the City Hall Monday morning they were in high spirits and many friends waved them good-bye.

First patrol is composed of Ed Harris, William Newton, Everett Dellinger, A. B. Bridges, Malcomb Spangler and J. T. Goforth, while second patrol is composed of Eugene Hoyle, Lloyd Lutz, Roland Hamrick, Paul Roberts, Clay Poston, A. D. Favel, William Grigg, Tom Grigg and Richard Riviere.

This troop of boy scouts has been doing some charity work which is commendable. A short time ago they gave Mote Carpenter \$10 worth of groceries.

**CONDITION OF MRS MINOR DOGGETT, IS VERY SERIOUS**

The condition of Mrs. Minor Doggett continues quite serious at her home on Graham street and all of her children arrived Friday to be at her bedside. This is the first time the children have all been together in 25 years. They are Mrs. J. K. Cowan of Asheville, Mrs. R. S. Lipscomb of Gaffney, S. C., and Messrs George, Tom and Hal Doggett of Jefferson, this state, and Charles R., of this place.

**People Want Uncle Sam To Do Everything**

Robert E. Lee Saner, of Dallas, Tex., president of the American Bar association, in his annual address to that body points out that there is a spirit abroad in the land that prompts a man to object to do for himself what he can get the government to do for him; that he first gets the government to do everything for him and then blames the government for everything that does not suit him. There is assuredly good ground for his indictment.

He says, further, that every twelve workers in the United States support a government employee, federal, state or municipal. He does not sum this up as "one loaf for every baker's dozen," but if he had there might have been some little excuse for the sarcasm. Compared to private enterprise, government bureaus (for instance) are notoriously inefficient.

The trend deplored by Mr. Saner was adequately illustrated by the last congress. As a result, every bureau employee bumped by General Dawes' campaign of efficiency and economy is back on the job. There are more bureaus; there are more bureaus about due; there are more bureaus yet to be established. There may soon be a bureau for every lost collar button in the country. There are scores of earnest reformers who have lost 'em.

Mr. Saner, with grim satire, suggests one means of curbing a halt. Let congress continue to "investigate" he suggests. It will then have less time to tamper with the Constitution less time to increase the output of sumptuary, paternalistic and experimental legislation.

Perhaps it would pay the country to pay congressmen to keep away from Washington-Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

**APPLICATION FOR PAYROL.**

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon or parole of Ed Terry, who submitted for manslaughter at the October Term 1923, of Cleveland Superior court, and was sentenced to a term of five years in the State Penitentiary.

This July 26th 1924.  
J. N. TERRY.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of V. A. Mitchem, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Lawndale, N. C., on or before 29th day of July 1924 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate settlement.

This July 28th, 1924.  
C. C. WRIGHT, Admr. of V. A. Mitchem.  
Jno. P. Mull, Atty.

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**OPINIONS OF OTHERS**

**GENUINE JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRAT**

(From Asheville Citizen)

John W. Davis does not shrink from the imputation that he is a Jeffersonian Democrat. He fairly revels in the impeachment. Writing in The Nation, a weekly of very radical tendencies, William Hard lodged this charge against the Democratic nominee, Mr. Davis with a plea of guilty, declaring:

"I am a real Jeffersonian Democrat. I personally think that Jefferson was the greatest political thinker this country has produced and I expect to die in that faith.

"If Jefferson's principles are true, and I think they are, then they remain true even with changing times. Their application may change, but they do not."

William Hard was not writing in derision when he alluded to Mr. Davis as a Jeffersonian Democrat. He was merely undertaking to interpret the Democratic candidate by cataloguing him. But Mr. Davis took advantage of the opportunity created by Mr. Hard to make it very clear that he was a Jeffersonian Democrat of the most genuine sort and that he rejoiced in his faith.

Thomas Jefferson was a very adroit politician as his enemies had abundant occasion for learning to their discomfiture. There was in his generation no clever hand at the practical game of politics. But he was something larger than a mere politician or even a statesman. He was a political thinker who founded a great school of political thought. He laid down certain fundamental principles of government upon which a clear division of political thinking could be had.

Jefferson's principles are just as true and as applicable today as they were when he first defined them. Conditions have changed. The nation has grown from thirteen little colonies into a mighty republic stretching from ocean to ocean. But his political philosophy remains, offering solutions for all the problems that vex us in these latter days.

And because he is a bona fide Jeffersonian Democrat John Davis is a genuine liberal. He stands as far removed from the conservatism of Coolidge as he does from the radicalism of LaFollette. He is as hostile to the class government of the one as he is the class government advocated by the other.

**There's a Reason**

(From Gaffney Ledger)

Some farmers can work twelve hours a day on a piece of land and make a bare living.

Other farmers can work on the same piece of land ten hours a day and make a living and a profit besides.

Some men take a business enterprise, and not only fail to make a living, but go seriously in debt.

Other men can take the same enterprise, with all its handicaps, and make it profitable.

There's a reason for the difference.

The successful man studies conditions and analyzes suggestions and makes improvements as rapidly as it is possible for him to do so. His returns are in proportion to the activity of his brain.

The failure is slow to change. He doesn't take any stock in new fangled ideas. What was good enough for his father was good enough for him. And that is all he gets.

When put to practical use, brains become a valuable asset. When merely carried around in the skull, they are useless.

**Cleveland Lights**

(From Gastonia Gazette)

A movement has recently been inaugurated in Cleveland county whereby the farmers might have the electric power lines of the Southern Power company extended. The movement originated in the county board of education upon good crops this summer. A certain section of Mecklenburg county near Charlotte has acquired the advantages of cheap power by erecting the line, furnishing the poles, etc.

Next to the automobile electric power is the greatest boon to the farmer. With Gaston in the heart of the hydro-electric development of the South there should be no reason why the rural districts should not be supplied with power. Every town in the county has Southern Power company "juice" and if some concerted movement were made we believe the country people could secure power also. Think of the labor saving machinery and devices which should be installed on the farm with an abundance of electric power available. There would be no more drudgery in drawing water, churning, sawing wood, sewing, washing, etc.

The Cleveland Star says that already many of the farmers living near Shelby are enjoying the convenience of electricity. Power lines extend north as far as Double Shoals, a distance of six miles, northwest as far as C. D. Hicks, up to the Fallston road as far as Spurlin's store, east as far as Cleveland Springs, southeast as far as the Lily Mill and west as far as C. C. Hamrick's. If these can enjoy electricity, there is every reason to believe that it is in the power of others to have it and in the course of

time we expect to see electric wires stretching throughout Cleveland county and serving thousands of homes just as the telephone is now serving them and making farm life more attractive and inviting.

**Up to Tom and Charlie**

(From Statesville Daily)

It is noted with interest that Mr. W. T. Bost, newspaper writer who talks in church on occasion, speaking before a Sunday school at Duke a few days ago deplored the general lack of reverence in this generation. The indictment holds, as most folks will agree. And it comes to mind in this connection that Mr. Chas. A. Webb, of the Asheville Citizen, in his address as retiring president of the North Carolina Press Association, at Morehead City a few weeks ago, also deplored the lack of reverence, or rather respect, among newspaper writers for public officials. If Messrs. Bost and Webb are together on this matter they might put on some propaganda that would help the condition of which they complain.

**"Incidentally" Takes Up Hatcher Hughes**

Says Nell Battle Lewis writing in the "Incidentally" column of the Raleigh News and Observer:

"Hatcher Hughes' 'Hell-Bent For Heaven,' is a play the scene of which is laid in North Carolina and the principal character of which is a religious fanatic converted at a revival. As you know, it recently attracted the attention of the country by winning the Pulitzer Prize for the year's best play. Paul Green wrote a story, 'The Devil's Instrument,' which appeared in the July Atlantic Monthly and which was about the effects of a revival in North Carolina on a lovable fiddler. Gerald Johnson in the July issue of the American Mercury discussed 'Saving Souls' as

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it is done by the revivalist in the south and with the Ham-Ramsey in Raleigh, North Carolina, as an introduction.

Imagine someone who has heard of the "Progress" of North Carolina reading Mr. Hughes' play, Mr. Green's story and Mr. Johnson's discussion. I see this person scratching his head and muttering dubiously, "Progress?" On his first visit to this state he might quite reasonably expect to be greeted by a thunderous, antiphonal "Hallelujah! Amen!" from the collective lungs of the population of North Carolina.

"In this recent literary outburst, North Carolina appears much more concerned with Hell and witch-doctors than with good roads. It's funny—and it's just as well. Meaning no disrespect to Willie Richardson's "Progressive North Carolina" printed in The Review of Reviews not long ago, I call Mr. Richardson's attention to the fact that he failed to mention that lively local institution, the revival, in his sketch of the state. Messrs. Hughes, Green and Johnson have

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merely made up for his omission—they have helped to complete the picture; they have given us the reverse of the coin, and the coin unquestionably has two sides. On the same side with the revival is the problem of the tenant farmer, of the cotton mill worker, of the black—to mention only part of it.

Now that the reading public knows pretty well what the revival means in our young North Carolina lives, some of the literary boys might tell the world that we do something down

here in this section of our beloved Southland besides shout and pray, that every now and then, say on alternate Tuesdays, we concern ourselves with something other than our souls' salvation a la Ham."

The child who "speaks a piece" the best is not always the one who "makes his mark" in the world.

Love at first sight occasionally endures all right, but lovers should be certain that their sight will not fail.

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