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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, SEPT. 2, 1924

Actors are to have a good season in Chicago. Officers seized a shipment of bad eggs there recently.

The big trouble about summer love affairs is that somewhere you may meet them again.

Why should the old timers moan about the hoopskirt, haven't we had about the trousers?

A French scientist says that diseases are shown by marks in the eye. Yes, Carpentier caught one from Dempsey.

The football season is soon to open and the boys will go to high school so as to have regular hours.

The fellow who is never troubled with brain storms never has enough brains to appreciate it.

The "Road Hog" law credited to the special term of legislature might be worth something if all cars were the same size.

With the premium list for the Cleveland County Fair on hand the farmers of this section should begin planning their entries.

Our idea of a word battle with the Sphinx is Sena or Wheeler's challenge for a series of debates with President Coolidge.

Sure the world is growing better. Hereafter morals will be required in securing license to practice law in North Carolina.

If His Excellency, the Prince of Wales, would visit one of Western Carolina's summer resorts during bathing hours his royal relatives would worry no more about "marrying him off."

Once only small boys dreamed of being governor or President, but now little girls share in Dreamland "White Houses."

A dearth of "bootleg cawn" is predicted for the winter owing to the long dry spell, which is wilting the corn crop—in the South Mountains.

Kannapolis may be the largest unincorporated town in the world, but Shelby is the largest town with the smallest limits.

Democratic spell-binders in North Carolina are in for a tough time this fall. They must have two speeches, one about ports and the other the old, old story. Neither to be mixed, says Mr. Morrison.

The Catawba News-Enterprise thanks us for the opportunity to warm up on Mr. Bailey's manly qualities. We have no objections to the Raleigh man's stand, but will he never pick a winner?

EDIX It is reported that Mr. Coolidge has assured Mr. Ford some action on Muscle Shoals, the assurance being with a November provision. Now we'll listen for a "flivver" back-fire.

We think Cleveland county is some place; Editor Noell at Roxboro thinks the same thing, now if Dan Tompkins, of the Jackson County Journal, would "lay off" us we would dare be proud of ourselves.

A GOOD REPLY.

People in this section have been of the opinion for a long time that once a man becomes a resident of Shelby and Cleveland county he remains a resident for the remainder of his natural span. Outsiders some times think us egotistical, but here is what Editor J. W. Noell, of the Roxboro Courier, says of Shelby:

"The Durham Herald says the question has been asked why such able lawyers as O. Max Gardner and Clyde Hoey are content to reside in the little city of Shelby. That is easy. Had the Herald man ever roamed around this "little city" such a question would never have been asked, for it is as near the Garden of Eden as any place we've ever known, surrounded by just about the best class of farmers, farming the best class of land you will find. No, we are not surprised that Max Gardner and Clyde Hoey stick to Shelby."

HOW WE PAY FOR ROADS.

The plan of North Carolina to pay for her system of good roads is regarded by outside states as a most fair and equitable manner because the folks who use the roads do the paying while those who do not own automobiles have no part whatever in bearing the burden. The record of the automobile department last year discloses sales of 260,667 passenger car plates, 24,879 truck plates and 1,488 motorcycle plates. For the sale of these plates the state derived a revenue of \$3,975,000. The three-cent tax per gallon on gasoline produced \$3,979,000 or \$4,000 more than the receipts from automobile license plates. The money derived from the sale of license plates and from the tax on gasoline is used to maintain the roads after they are built, pay interest on road bonds and create a sinking fund with which to pay the bonds when they become due. Real estate, therefore does not bear any part whatever of the cost of our state road system and the man who persists in riding the old fashioned way, although he might own a valuable farm, can enjoy the roads without any cost whatever.

W. C. Dowd of the Charlotte News says our road system does not cost the automobile owner anything and he argues his point in this fashion. Good roads prolong the life of a car, save the gasoline consumption and that these two savings are equal to the amount of the license plates and gasoline tax each year. It would seem therefore, that the automobile owners would have a decrease in demand for cars because of their longer life on good roads, but still the demand keeps up and the industry grows bigger and bigger.

MODES OF TRAVEL.

A wonderful age is this. More wonderful than we realize, until we pause in our hours of hustle and rush, to contemplate the age in which we are living. The editor of The Star passed through Gastonia Sunday morning returning from a Charlotte hospital and there on the outskirts of that whirling city on a quiet (?) Sabbath morning he saw four means and methods of transportation—all at one and the same time. He was riding in a 12 passenger bus which runs six round trip schedules daily between Shelby and Charlotte on a hard-surfaced road where dust never bothers and mud and rain never prevent a trip. To the left was the double track main-line of the Southern over which No. 37 was going south at a rapid rate of speed—a train which operates daily between New York and New Orleans. To the right was the Piedmont and Northern electric line on which a passenger train

loaded to capacity was speeding along on power generated by harnessing the streams that rush down from the mountains of Western Carolina. Gliding overhead like a bird we saw an airplane circling the city and if the driver had had a mind to, he could have out-run either the steam engine, the electric car or the bus line.

Yes, it's a wonderful age as little Chester Gump would say and we ought to be glad that we are living in an age with such remarkable improvements in transportation. From where we saw these four methods of transportation at the same time, scores of radios were installed in homes, phonographs were giving entertainment from masters of voice and instrument, men sat in their homes with a telephone at arm's reach by which they could talk to New York or San Francisco.



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Mrs. Vanderbilt Proud She Is A Farmer

New York, Aug. 27.—The White Star liner Adriatic arrived here Monday Morning, bearing Mrs. George Vanderbilt of Biltmore, N. C., who prefers "farming to society," and a number of southerners who were keenly interested in "Ma Ferguson's" successful fight against the Ku Klux Klan in Texas.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, who is the mother of the former Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, now the wife of the Hon John Cecil, talked enthusiastically of her farm at Biltmore. She will stop for a brief time at the Ritz-Carlton and then continue her trip southward. She spent two months in England and France.

"I'm proud of being a farmer," said Mrs. Vanderbilt. "I have been in charge of the business ever since my husband's death and am greatly interested in dairying. I devote most of my time to it. It pays and I like it."

Mrs. Vanderbilt said she had one herd of 200 cows. She places cows with farmers in the vicinity. They bring their milk to her central station, she said.

"I'm a Rotarian," she added, "and I'm proud of it."

Mrs. Vanderbilt said she was at present engaged in building a house for herself on her Biltmore property. The present house will be occupied by Mrs. Vanderbilt's daughter and son-in-law, who arrived at Boston from England last week.

Mrs. Vanderbilt touched upon the subject of Mrs. Miriam Ferguson's winning the democratic nomination for governor in Texas, despite Ku Klux Klan opposition.

"I'm glad to know that Mrs. Ferguson is nominated," she said. "I do not know her, but if she is capable, it is a great thing for the women of America. As one farm woman to another, I congratulate her."

Town Judged by Paper.

Most people look at a newspaper as the business of a single individual. If it thrives, that is the owner's or the editor's business. If it fails, that also is the owner's or editor's business.

As a matter of fact, the success or failure of a paper is a matter of grave concern to an entire town.

Newspapers are the best advertisement a city has in the outside world. Other cities judge a town by the kind of newspaper it has. If it does not thrive, outsiders are inclined to look on the town as undesirable to live in, and so move on to other cities.

Thomas Jefferson once said that if he had to have government without newspapers or newspapers without government he would take the newspapers, because through them he felt that the state could be run with at least fair success.

If some of us appreciated more fully the value of our newspapers we would make great effort to see that they get the news and advertising and so nearly always become successful. Modern society cannot get along with out newspapers any more than it can without schools and churches.

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