

# IKE'S TALE

Dear Star Readers:

Ever little bit thar comes word tu Casar of the woderful growth of Shelby, and hit comes most of the time through the columns of The Star, a paper that Lee Weathers and Renn Drum bosses.

Well they jist kept on tellin' hit bigger and bigger till the lendin' men at Casar couldn't stand hit no longer, so they sent me down thar tu spy out the land and see if hit wuz worth possesing. I didn't want tu go rite at the start but they insisted saying that I wuz the proper one tu go. I agreed at last tu go if they would lend me sum clothes fitten fur the journey and pay me a good fair price fur my time.

So they had thren interested men tu set the value of my time fur one da and 75 cents is what they decided on. Mister Cullen Hull lent me a pair of pants and sed I wud a bin welcome tu his coat too but he jist didn't have no coat tu save his life; but hit wuz a very pleasant day and Dr. John Buff's shirt kept me warm enuff and had plenty of style also. I rid down with Frank Morrison in his car and we arrived as soon as we got thar, and here is my report:

Lee Weathers and Renn Drum has failed tu tell hit half big enough, and what the town needs now wuss than anything else is fur sum smart young feller tu cum thar that will tell hit.

Then the next thing they need is tu hurry up and finish the new jail—but I weren't a thinking about no editors, when I mentioned about the new jail.

I never seed as many new houses being build in my life before. I told Sal who is at home that about all the houses they wuz a building at Shelby now wuz new ones.

And cotton mills, why they don't care no more fur building a new cotton mill at Shelby than Sal cares fur tacking up a nail keg agin the back of the house fur the old hen tu set in.

And what more shall I say? for the time would fail me tu tell of all I seed down thar—now churches, stores, Mason temples, theatres and a gang of Gypsy gals a passing up the streets with their fine dresses and the jewelry a rattling around their necks. Hit shore wuz a fine time me and Frank had down thar that day and I've been kind of lonesome ever since; but I must put in a few personal then I will have tu close and quite fur Sal is calling me rite now.

We went up in that big fine court house and in a back room behind sun kind of screen wire wuz a grate big old tolerable young looking feller—and he shore is a big one too, jist about the size of Sal's granddaddy, and I thought he had sorter queer actions, so I sez-out loud. Who is that drunk feller back in behind thar? Frank sez: Shet your big mouth that haint no drunk man at all—his Sheriff Logan and thar haint no finer man in the county than he is. I wuz chawed so bad I had tu cough awhile before my conscience got easy. Down thar at the big cotton ware house I run up on Zoro Huffman, and you can imagine how surprised I wuz tu see him thar a weighing and sampling cotton fur the farmers all over the county; and me all this time a thinking that he wuz a serving time in the penitentiary whar me an him use tu roam together in our young days; but he is a free man now, I'm glad tu larn, and weighs cotton fur the farmers every day while not a wave of trouble rolls across his peaceful breast. Well after we had chatted over old times awhile, Zoro axed me about Sal and sed hit had been a long time since he had eat any of her cooking. Then he said he'd like tu send her a present of sum kind; so we went up town and he bough cloth tu make her a nice dress and axed me tu deliver hit tu her along with his best regards. Well I delivered his regard tu her jist like he said fur me tu, but the cloth tu make her a dress outen I traded hit off fur a gallon of liquor tu have ready fur my birthday which is over a year off yit.

IKE.

# PALE, NERVOUS

West Virginia Lady Says That She Was in a Serious Condition, But Is Stronger After Taking Cardui.

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# Farming and Finance

(Special to The Star.)

Babson Park, Mass., Mar. 18.—New strength in wheat is reflected in the department of agriculture report of conditions on March 1st. Market movements and prices meantime, tend to offset the recent break in the wheat market. The first fact of vital interest brought out in this report is that wheat on the farms totals 114 million bushels as compared with 137 million bushels on the same date a year ago. This not only answers the moot question as to exactly how much wheat the farmer still has but it indicates the effect of unusual foreign demand. Figures on stocks in country mills and elevators for the same date shown 70 million bushels in storage as compared with 102 million bushels last year. In spite of the fact that our 1924 crop was 872 million bushels, almost a hundred million bushels more than last year's 785 million bushels yield; our present supply of wheat, as reflected in stocks on farms and in country mills and elevators as of March 1st, is more than fifty million bushels below last year!

Exports have absorbed these millions of bushels and the future of wheat prices will depend upon this same export demand. Subtracting our own normal requirements during the next four months from these figures showing total supply of wheat we find that we have less than 90 million bushels left for export and carry over. We cannot export more than that and it is probable that we will go into the new harvest with granaries completely emptied. Under these circumstances wheat prices should be very sensitive to any change in the trend of foreign demand and to any news of the new crop and its probable proportions. In any event wheat is a strong statistical position and the lack of sizable carry over argues well for next year's prices.

Other Crops are also in favorable position. This same survey by the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture shows 801 million bushels or 32.9 per cent of the corn crop on hand as compared with 1153 million bushels or 37.8 per cent of the 1923 crop on hand March 1st last year. The ten year average supply on hand as of March 1st figures to 38.1 per cent. Our present supply of corn, therefore, is 5.2 per cent below the average for this season of the year.

Oats on farms March 1st, total to 550 million bushels or 35.7 per cent of the crop as compared with 447 million bushels or 34.5 per cent on hand last year. The ten year average is 36.7 per cent so our present supply of oats is slightly below the average.

Barley on farms March 1st, was 43 million bushels or 23 per cent of the crop as compared with 44 million bushels or 22.7 of the crop last year. Again we are under the ten year average of 24.9 per cent on hand March 1st.

Hay on farms March 1st, is reported as 37 million tons or 33.2 per cent of the crop as compared with 33 million tons or 31.4 per cent last year. About 14 per cent of this crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown as compared with 13.1 per cent so "exported" last year.

Supplies on hand of practically all stocks are below the ten year average and prices are holding to relatively high levels.

**That Opportunity' in Hogs.** A few weeks ago, in this column, we called attention to the opportunity then existing in hogs. A short corn crop at high prices was then driving the farmers to sell both hogs and corn instead of feeding the high priced corn to the hogs. The move was going too far and threatened an acute shortage of hogs during the coming year. The price at that time was little over \$10. Now it is around \$14. The advance so far, according to one authority represents a little over \$7 a hog and will total over fifty million dollars in added income for the farmers during the next year in spite of the fact that our hog crop promises to be at least 25 per cent under normal. The shortage still exists and there is still an opportunity in hogs.

**How Much Cotton to the Acre?** Last spring a Texas newspaper offered a cash prize for the Texas farmer producing the most cotton from five acres of ground. The winner grew all most 11 bales on his five acres or an average of 2 bales and 80 pounds to the acre. Compare this with the average yield for Texas which is reported as to sevenths of a bale of 142 pounds of cotton to the acre. We do not mean to infer from this that over 1,000 pounds of cotton can be grown on every acre of cotton land, nor on every acre of cotton lands in Texas, but the facts brought out in this comparison suggest that production per acre may be materially increased if more care and thought is used in planting and cultivation. The prospect for materially higher cotton prices is not promise. In fact a price level much higher than the present would encourage expansion of cotton growing abroad and would ultimately prove a handicap. If production per acre can be increased, however, the cost of growing cotton will be lower and the profit of the planter can be increased without a higher price level for his crop.

**The Outlook For the Farmer** is the best since 1920, according to a summary of the agricultural situation issued by the agricultural department. The department anticipates good business ahead for the farm industry, pointing out that the good fortune of

general business is that the country has finally worked out from under its paralyzing surpluses thus giving strength to future prospects. The corn situation is obvious, with no stocks of old grain; wheat surpluses have likewise disappeared; while the large cotton crop which threatened an unusually heavy carry over has been brought to normal by large exports. The farmer's prosperity is fundamental to the national good and the trend of developments moves toward prosperity.

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You are hereby notified that in the above entitled action—now pending against you in the Superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, in which an absolute divorce is sought upon the grounds of adultery, the depositions of Mrs. Sadie Langston and Mrs. S. R. Winslow and others will be taken on behalf of the plaintiff, at Hamlet, N. C., before J. C. Leigh, a Notary Public, at his office in the town of Hamlet, N. C., on Thursday, March 19th, 1925 at 10 a. m. and the hearing will be continued until said depositions are taken and completed. The said J. C. Leigh has been appointed Commissioner by said Court to take said depositions.

This February 23rd, 1925.  
GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk Superior Court, Cleveland County.  
Ryburn and Hoey, Attys.

# FLAPPER NOT SO BAD AS SHE IS PAINTED

Woman Editor Sees Good Sign in Number Studying Home Making. 4,000,000 Take Courses.

By MISS BEATRICE COBB  
Secretary of the North Carolina Press Ass'n. Writing in "Public Service," Published by the North and South Carolina Public Utility Information Bureau.

The doleful refrain of wailing pessimists that the world is going to the demdition bow-wows and that our young women are in the vanguard of the procession seems to me an altogether discordant note in this advanced day.

No doubt it is well that we have these vinegar-tasters with us. They probably serve more or less as balance wheels, or they curb over-enthusiasm or keep the pendulum from swinging too far in any one direction—at least they must be here for some purpose. But theirs is a minor note. The world is moving on and upward all the time and as always the hal-lujah chorus is drowning out the squeaky discords.

These are those who would have us believe that jazzmania has gripped and destroyed womanhood; that modernity has withered all the sweetness and solidity of our young women and that flaming youth has blighted lovely girlhood.

Not so! All the hub-bub one hears in these latter days is not occasioned by deterioration—it is merely change. So many of our so-called students of sociology fall into that error; anything that is not as it always was augurs disaster. People are just different these days; that is all, as I see it.

**Studying Home-Making.**  
One of the most encouraging signs of the times—and it is only on this phase of the question that I shall attempt to comment—is the vast increase in the number of our young women who are today studying home-making and home economics. Coincidentally are the increased facilities being offered by the schools and colleges for pursuit of these studies.

Possibly it was not generally noted, but there was a significant registration at Trinity College, now Duke University, at the opening of the present term. It was that of a young woman who wished to take a course in "home-making."

Further significance is found in figures issued recently by the United States Bureau of Education which show that the "increase of student enrollment in home economics courses is greater than that in any other subject."

At present there are approximately 8,000 high schools—this doesn't include colleges—giving courses in domestic economy with an estimated attendance of 400,000 girls and 3,000 boys. Including the elementary schools, the Bureau estimates that there are now more than 4,000,000 young people learning how to keep house and cook according to the latest improved methods. Add to these the hundreds of thousands of girls and women who are taking the cooking courses offered by the gas companies of the country and the number is still more impressive.

**More Time For Frolic.**  
Those figures appear to me worthy of consideration; especially would I commend them to the pessimist. They mean that the pretty, saucy little misses of today are not given altogether to fun and frolic. It is true they have more time to frolic and more time to make themselves pretty. That is the case with the mothers as well. For house-keeping is not the drudgery today that it was when some of us were girls.

Improved methods and appliances have relieved us of many of the old-time burdens. The smoky, dirty old wood and coal stoves have been replaced by clean, convenient gas ranges; the water spigot is right at the elbow; the obnoxious kerosene lamp is replaced by a steady electric glow and the whole kitchen is bright, cheery and easy to operate.

So it is there you will find explanation of the fact that girls and women these days have more time for play and more thought for beauty. Modernity in the kitchen has greatly reduced the population of Cinderellas. Our girls are studying how to make homes, how to make them bright, cheerful and comfortable and at the same time how to retain for themselves the freshness and beauty of youth.

**Kitchen the Keystone.**  
What more encouraging condition! The old saying is ever true, despite its triteness, that the home is the basis of our civilization. And I might go one step further and say that the kitchen is the keystone of the whole structure.

A well cooked meal served in a comfortable home is a blessing of the gods, physically, mentally and morally. If the vast number of our girls now studying home-making means anything to me it means that we are veering away from hotel and restaurant life and that the American home is to mean all in our civilization that it ever meant and more.

However, the aircraft probe has disclosed no shortage of air.—Dallas Journal.

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TO THE YOUNG MAN MY CLOTHES MEAN STYLE—

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TO THE MAN OF AFFAIRS THEY ARE DEPEDABILITY—

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