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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.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25, 1925

Tomorrow there'll be no Turkey Trot.

The fellow who wrote "Carolina in the Morning" was about two years in advance. His song should have been published about next fall.

Something like \$65,000 in real estate changed hands hereabouts last week according to the last issue of Star, most of which was building lots. Is it an omen of Spring, or Springs?

There might have not been too much color about Mrs. Rhineland for her wealthy young husband, but there is too much color about the trial for self-respecting Americans.

No wonder now that every association in the state likes to hold its convention at Cleveland Springs—where the water is mistaken for booze.

Are you giving a day's salary to the orphans, something to the hospital, and necessities for the unfortunate school children? If so you should enjoy the day tomorrow.

Corn Cracker's story about the prohibition officers who thought his sulphur water was "mountain cawn" is certainly good news for prohibitionists. Volstead will be a hero after all if the thing has gone so far that the officers have already forgotten just how a whiff of corn whiffs.

Mrs. Lansdowne, wife of the dead commander of the dirigible Shenandoah, is one of the few features of the inquiry that America is proud of—out of all the whitewash and covered muck comes a woman of the sea, one that must have been a fit companion for the braves commander. But such are the wives of men who go down to the sea in ships, either on water or in the air.

It seems to be much of the usual that the Baptist convention ended without an evolution scene. Come to think about, who besides the newspapers connected any such to happen? A good story of expectation, of course, is about as much news as a good story of accomplishment.

OUR MANY LAWS.
It has always been said that our laws are derived from those handed down by Moses, and legislated after legislature, it's getting harder to believe.

The tables on which the patriarch handed down from smoking Sinai his Ten Commandments must have been made of India rubber, that is if they're being stretched to form a base for the thousands of laws we have today.

As a citizen of North Carolina do you know how many laws you are supposed to keep—not what they are, but how many?

It might be easier to give the number being enforced, and some say they will not outnumber the original Ten Commandments.

OUR SWEETPOTATOES.
With sweet potatoes rapidly becoming Cleveland county's second best money crop it is noted with interest that good prices are expected to prevail for potatoes all over the country. However, in making good sales there is the item of making a product that will sell well. The cooperative plan as started in the Kings Mountain section and spreading over the county seems to be the sensible method of advancing the sweet potato crop, judging from the following editorial from Clarence Poe regarding sweet potato prices:

Present conditions point to good prices for sweet potatoes both North and South. Factors influencing the price of potatoes are, the reduced production on account of the drought, the

increased demand for curing-house potatoes in Northern markets, and the reported shortage of the Irish potato crop in the Northwest. A word as to each of these factors may be in order.

1. As to the drought. That the sweet potato is one of the South most drought-resistant crops cannot be successfully disputed. The crop is rarely heavier than might be expected under such severe weather conditions. On the other hand, there is a decided shortage of other crops that compete with the sweet potato on Southern markets and on the home table. The demand for sweet potatoes even in the South will be believe cause satisfactory prices to be maintained, provided the crop is marketed in an orderly manner—that is, distributed in uniform volume from now until the supply is exhausted.

2. Curing-house potatoes have done more to establish this crop in Northern markets than any thing else. This is largely due to their keeping well when they reach the retailer and also to the better grading of such potatoes. We believe it wise to withhold curing-house potatoes from the market until the bulk of potatoes handled in other ways have moved. Sweet potatoes invariably bring better prices after Christmas than before.

3. If reports of damage from freezing to the Northern and Western Irish potato crops are true or even near true, then the price of Irish potatoes will be high until the 1926 crop reaches the market. In the meantime, vegetables that compete with Irish potatoes and can be used as substitutes will command increased prices. This will apply more to the sweet potato than to any other product that competes with the Irish potato. It is the nearest substitute, and to the cultivated taste is better.

But let our sweet potato growers bear well in mind the following warning:

If we are to get the highest price for this year's sweet potato crop and at the same time continue to establish a reputation for the sweet potato in the North we must offer a scrupulously honest, standardized pack of high quality and avoid markets where sweet potatoes are not well established and offer nothing that is of low grade or poor quality.

Those who have curing houses built and operated in accordance with the "government plan" for curing and storing have a distinct advantage in disposing of their present crop in markets that pay the highest net prices. Furthermore, those who have curing-house potatoes have an opportunity for pushing forward the establishment of the sweet potato in new markets that have not in the past had the opportunity to enjoy his delicious and nutritious Southern product.

KUESTER SPREADS OUT.

Measuring the worth of the boosting Clarence Kuester has given Charlotte in recent years would be impossible. The Charlotte of today best speaks the answer. Of course, Charlotte would have grown anyway and taken its place as the hub of activity in the Carolinas, but Kuester's inspired boosting has meant much to a rapidity of the progress of the Queen City.

And you Kuester is spreading out. Carolina should remember that a few years hence.

No Kuester has not forsaken his home. He has not left the "old" about Charlotte through the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. He has not left enough money to buy a workingman's goldfish job in honest Carolina generally on the side. A recent article foretelling the Carolina of tomorrow written by Kuester opens in this manner—"this section will experience a period of economic development during the next two years the like of which has not yet been seen." And he ends his article thusly: "The new South is in the industrial saddle of the United States today and the ride is just beginning."

SPEAK YOUR SENTIMENTS.

The Star is always glad to publish opinions and thoughts of its readers such as those expressed by Mrs. Wilder regarding the railroad crossings up town and the traffic near Central school. This paper usually says its say regarding things liked and not liked, but many overlook the fact that it is also a medium for the readers.

Often readers of the paper and citizens of the town and county call up this paper and ask that the paper criticize certain things, or the manner in which certain things are being carried out. The Star would gladly comply with every wish, sometimes against the sentiment of this paper, but why should the paper bear the brunt of all criticism, no matter how constructive? The readers are citizens of the town and county and have as much right to express their opinions and beliefs through the paper as does the staff of the paper. The columns of The Star are always open to such complaints, congratulations and suggestions that are of pub-

lic interest and touch on the welfare of the public. Our only requirement is that the opinions and statements be signed. If you are for or against any measure, or wish to advance suggestions, should you not personally back up your ideas instead of shifting the responsibility to the paper.

Such opinions expressed through the paper to the reading public mean much to the welfare of a community. Shelby and Cleveland county people should make more use of the public forum. Your opinions are welcomed. Oft times they will have more weight over your name than through the direct presentation of the paper, for a paper is placed in such position that it is forced to criticize frequently.

However, always remember that there is generally as much room for praise and boosting as there is for criticism, and if there are public servants, service, community achievements and such that are entitled to your praise, the columns of The Star are at your disposal. Criticism alone never carried a point.

It's your paper make use of it, but do not ask The Star to advance your beliefs and opinions, when you yourself are not willing to endorse them with your name.

As for the crossings Mrs. Wilder writes of, something should be done.

Southern Drawl Is Supplanted by Slang Of Present Flapper

Takes a Wise Old Guy to Keep Up With Talk of Young Folks.

The soft Southern drawl famed in song and ad story as characteristic of the belles of Dixie is being pretty badly strained to take care of the 1925 brand of slang the flappers are using.

Do you, for instance know what a "bush ape" is?

In Dixie flappers it is the type of a guy who is all nerve, inlaid with brass and the sort who always gets a telephone call just when the waiter is approaching with the bill.

Ever meet a "wrapper"?

That's a fat lady who is living on lamb chops and pineapple, and taking her daily dozen because her husband likes slim girls and she is trying to get that way. Sudden fits of temper on the part of plump young women are often described by the remark:

"Poor kid, she's an awful wap, you know."

"Hopscotching mother" which is not only a favorite phrase, but also a popular custom, means putting one over on the maternal parent.

"Mushrooms are wild oats of a mild variety. "Picking" or tearing off "mushrooms" means that one is seeing a bite of life, but not too much. A modern girl who "knows her mushrooms" is one who knows a thing or two and the expression is one of commendation and carries no slur on manners or morals.

Girls are no longer referred to as flappers, members of Shebas, but simply as "shes". They may be "tate shes," which means "dumb Dons," "smooth shes"—those who know their stuff—or "wet shes" who are perfectly hopeless.

"Catnip" is the expression used to describe a crushing retort delivered to show incredulity. A favorite "catnip" for instance, is to wait until a long and unconvincing spiel is ended and they say, apropos of nothing: "And just then the shovel broke," or "oysters don't get sunburned," or "snakes wear no garters."

"Wet smack" is now used to designate that unfortunate individual formerly known as a total loss, and "cookie pushers" and divan demons" have taken the place of lounge lizards.

Pettish or neck artists who are rather inept at their work are known as "fumbles," or "muffers." Gold diggers are described as "hoisters," a word culled from the criminal world, and boobs are now called "mullets."

And here are a few more phrases without which the younger set would be forced to retort to sign language:

"All dolled up like a French party."

"Reline you brakes my good man."

"She's not in my orchard, odd fruit."

"What's your wave length, dearie?"

"Why cry over spilt milk? Call in the cat."

"So full of ideas there's an R. O. sign hung on his nose."

"He's no shiek, he's a mail order Mohamet."

"One of those bathroom baritones."

"Well, meaning: Just like poison ivy."

Two's company three's a Ford load.

A forceful man never has to use force.

Sees Girls More Dumb, And Less Beautiful According to New York Biologist.

American women are loving their beauty and intelligence will be next to go, Albert E. Wiggam, biologist and author, of New York told the Wisconsin Teachers' association at Milwaukee, last week.

The expression, "Beautiful but dumb," as applied to women, is nonsense, he said. A thousand beautiful women have more intelligence than 1,600 homely ones, he asserted, adding there are exceptions "both ways."

He asserted only one baby is born to every third college woman, while during the same time two or three are born to each homely woman with little education. Only half of America's college women ever marry and the average college-bred woman has but two children, he added.

"The more intelligent beautiful women are allowing the less intelligent and less beautiful to have nearly all the children. If it keeps up the next generation will be both homely and dumb," Mr. Wiggam said.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT CLEVELAND SPRINGS NOVEMBER 26, 1925.

Grape Fruit Supreme

Blue Point Oyster Soup Consomme Princess
Hearts of Celery Queen Olives

Sweet Mixed Pickles

Salted Almonds

FISH
Broiled Chesapeake Bay Trout, Parsley, Butter and Saratoga Potatoes

MEATS
Roast North Carolina Turkey, With Chestnut Dressing
Prime Ribs of Selected New York Beef, au-jas
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Hawaiian Pineapple Fritters, Sweet Sauce

VEGETABLES
Whipped Potatoes Little Peti-Pois
Steamed Carolina Rice Candied Cleveland County Yams

SALAD
Waldorf Salad

BREAD
Parkerhouse Rolls French Bread Graham Bread
Home-Made Bread Saltines

DESSERTS
Vanilla Ice Cream Pound Cake
English Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce Fruit Cake
Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pie Hot Mince Meat Pie
Fresh Apple Pie

American Cheese Buttercup Cheese Swiss Cheese

Coffee Hot Tea Milk Cocoa Postum
Grape Juice Ginger Ale Lemonade

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