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TWINKLES You can't be the pine on the top hill, the scrub in the valley; but be the best little scrub by the side of the hill.

You can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass, some highway some happier make; you can't be a muskie, then be a bass, the liveliest bass in the lake.

You can't all be captains, some must be crew, he's work for all of us here; he's big work to do, there lesser to do, task is the one that lies near.

You can't be the highway, just be the trail; you can't be the sun, be a star; n't by siz that you win or fail, be best of whatever you are. —Swiped.

Next week is fair week, weather no weather.

It's quite cheering to some of Cleveland Springs golfers to find that even Bobby Jones gets excited.

With one nominee just selected, North Carolina already has announced candidate for the next. Who says the sister state is copying the Carolina to the north?

Dispatches about the Florida in England say that the state populated mostly by millionaires. That's what we thought last year.

Light wines and beer should back newspaper rivalry has need to such a stage in the that the rival papers might free beer and pretzel lines.

There's no trouble to see what our education is coming to. Of our large state colleges publishing its football schedule on the door of the college stationery.

There will be one difference between the horse show at the fair next week and those sponsored by society in the east. At the most attention is given to the names of the riders and on the horses than to the horses.

The old-time citizen lamented that politics "isn't as when newspapers carried more else than bitter partisan. But what does he think of following in the Davie Record: a gentleman who is running for in Davie county informs us he had better not print his name. As we are not the bit scared of this gentleman, will print his name whenever roads and if he raises a house we will try to give the worst licking he ever gave. Keep your eyes open and for a foot race."

NO SERIOUS ALARM. Many county farmers should become unduly alarmed over damage to the county cotton by the army worm. There will be damage of course, but not to bring disaster. Fact is, the worm may be up to and exceeding years crop despite the electric caterpillar.

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CLEAN ENTERTAINMENT. There have been those who ask "Why does Secretary Dorton bring back to the fair the same show that performed there last year?" The answer is easy. It's the cleanest show of the type, especially considering size, that has ever played this section. Devoid of the sexual lures and the customary risque performances the Nat Reiss shows are nevertheless entertaining. Sufficient proof is to remember that last year they entertained 70,000 people here and not a kiek was heard.

The Free-Lance Star of Fredericksburg, Va., commenting on the recent fair there had the following to say of the Nat Reiss shows. While it is difficult to single out any special feature in such a variety of good attractions, it was a matter of universal comment that the midway this year was made up of shows, rides and concessions of a very superior order. The Nat Reiss Shows, without doubt the largest organization ever secured for the local fair, consisted of clean shows, courteous attendants and a well managed personnel. Many objectionable features sometimes found on the midway were conspicuous this year by their absence and the public was pleased at the high class of the Reiss organization.

A PERSONAL QUERY. This is going to be rather personal. It will start off with the query, What was it you thought of the fellow who hid back in the mountains during the World war and failed to show up, shoulder a gun, and march away with the rest of the boys? After answering the question as your conscience and memory guide think along the same line and what is it you think of those who show no interest in contributing anything to a memorial for the boys who did go—and never came back?

Apply the question especially to those who declared then: "They are fine fellows, I would do most anything for them; nothing is too good for them." There is a slight difference in the two comparisons: The fellow who hid back in the hills did so fearing the physical destruction of his life. The other fellow thinks more of his shekels, some of which may have come from war profits, than of the memory of those who lost their lives.

Which is plain talk. But had you noticed that The Star's fund to establish a memorial to the World war dead of this county is growing none too fast. Think it over. If the conviction you reach is that you shouldn't give to the fund, don't do it. The memorial should never be built with coin coming that way.

WITH JOHN ROBINSON'S CIRCUS. She has danced her way around the world, before crowned heads in Java, Siam, Japan, China and Asiatic and European countries, as well as rulers and presidents in many other lands. The Charleston, the fox-trot, the one-step, the waltz the cake-walk and other modern and classic steps form the basis of the sensational routine, performed on the tight wire by Miss Karoline Eddy.

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GHOST WALKS IN JAIL DE-CLARES RED ROW SLAYER (Continued From Page 1) In her continued conversation along the topic she displayed a knowledge of having heard of Nellie Freeman and her razor. "Why, down in South Carolina when a man pesters a woman they turn her loose if she has to kill him. My sister-in-law shot a man and they cleared her."

Nevertheless Euzelia says Gaines her victim, has made two calls and she is positive about that. "If you had seen him you wouldn't have ter ask if Ah was dreamin," she replied when queried as to whether or not her imagination had not been playing pranks. "Ah've seen enough ghosts to know, cept they aint ghosts. They's just whoever they are and are dead folks."

Her ghostly caller by night hasn't said anything to her yet, she says, and the fact that he might ask her how she is going to wipe his death blood off her hands doesn't seem to worry her. However, she'd like to have a Bible to put under her head.

May Have Been Husband A report has come from the colored denizens that Gaines might have been a former husband of the woman. This she denies vehemently, declaring that she had never seen the negro before the night she killed him—and Ah wouldn't have killed him hadn't Ah thought he was goin to kill me," she says.

Recent visitors here from her former home at Clinton, S. C., said something about another husband besides Ed Jones, who lives at Double Shoals, and rumors sifting about the alleys where the colored folks gather at night have it that the slain negro was about the size of the alleged first husband and that they might have been one and the same. Euzelia declares she would like to get hold of whoever said she had more than one husband, adding that she married Jones before she was sixteen and had never thought of marrying another man.

O. Max Gardner, it is said, has been secured as counsel for the woman of Red Row, who declares she'll never go back to the scene of the killing even if she is acquitted. "Ah'm a'goin back to South Carolina and when Ah cross water Ah'm gona leave dat dead nigger behind me."

The moral, be there any, should be plain: If you believe in ghosts don't send someone on to the spirit world to make one—that is, unless you're no more afraid than Euzelia, or have some water to cross, or a Bible to open.

No other jail inmates can confirm the woman slayer's story. If the ghost has been paying visits to her cell they know nothing about it.

Thinking Over Next Legislature Much Depends On Good Sense Of Next General Assembly. Australian Ballot Likely Charity & Children. Much depends on the good sense of the General Assembly to convene next January. Many grave questions of vital importance to the state are to be considered. The question of longer terms for the public schools is one that will call for all the wisdom our solons can command. Public school funds are unequally distributed. Urban children have better advantages than those living in rural districts. They have longer terms and better teachers. Every child in the state is entitled to an eight months term. But the question is

how can this be done? Must we issue more bonds? We are already taxed to death. Another bond issue will increase our tax burden already as heavy as we can bear. This is one of the great questions, perhaps the greatest, the Legislature will have to face. A better election law must be provided. The Australian ballot ought to be adopted. But our law makers, if they give us this law which already prevails in every enlightened state in the Union, must do so over the protest and bitter opposition of many of our strongest political leaders, who do not want the election law changed, because as it stands now it suits their purposes to a dot. It will take courage to

pass this law in the face of this powerful political pressure brought to bear against it, but a legislator without courage is not fit to hold public office. The endorsement of Hon. Max Gardner and of the good women of the state ought to be a mighty stimulus to the weak and wavering. Happily the religious controversy that has raged for the past year or two will not cut much ice in the proceedings of the Legislature. Mr. Poole may introduce the bill against the teaching of evolution in the schools of the state, but it is not likely to arouse

very much feeling among the brethren. Most of the people of North Carolina believe the Bible from first to last, and their faith in it is so strong they do not think that it needs to be propped up by the Legislature. Owing to the wisdom of Governor McLean in his handling of the financial situation this vexed problem which so harasses the average Legislature, will give very little trouble this time. Many of the season members will return and this will mean much to the harmony and efficiency of the session.

The Report of Feeble-mindedness Kinston Free-Press. The Free Press carried in its Monday's issue excerpts from the report of the special advisory committee appointed by Governor McLean to study the problem of feeble-mindedness in the State and make recommendations for handling it. The full report has not been published. The seven recommendations, the outline of which was carried in The Free Press' story show that the committee headed by Dr. W. S. Rankin, former secretary of the State board of health, has gone into the question very thoroughly and studied it

from various angles. The report and recommendations are, therefore worthy of the closest study and consideration on the part of the people, and particularly their representatives in the Legislature who must pass upon the suggestions. The Free Press believes that one of the greatest problems incident to handling feeble-mindedness in the state is to arouse public interest in the question and impress upon the average citizen that only by turning the cause which contribute to the conditions and stopping the propagation of the species can any real progress be made.

The suggestion to increase the capacity of the Caswell Training school for the present needs and with a view to an ultimate capacity of 2,000 pupils the very careful consideration of the Legislature and of the people. The entire report should be carefully studied before conclusion are arrived at. It's too big a question to take snap judgment on.

Don't think a train has passed just because you see its tracks. Some fellows who couldn't see the road of goggles can't see anything now.

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