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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.

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TWINKLES

Make Christmas brighter for three folks: Yourself, some unfortunate tot, and He whose birth anniversary it is.

"Extension of the P & N" to Shelby means in the parlance of the street "stretch out the Pulling & Nagging" until we land it.

The old news of the week: A union has been organized to perfect a plan of saving the young boys of America from the wicked flapper.

Already the holiday hunting accidents have started. With the auto fatalities added in it's hard to keep from being pessimistic or entering the undertaking business.

GETTING CEMETERY NUMBERS

Some statistician has figured it out that nearly 1,000 North Carolina boys were killed during the World War, but he hasn't approached the big figures until he estimates how many have been killed in auto accidents since.

THE PUNISHING CHRISTMAS CLUB

Intelligence nowadays has advanced at a rapid rate. Seldom do you hear the modern young admonished: "If you're not good Santa will not come." Most of them give that line the "merry ha-ha" with all the favorite myths being exploded by the smart writers and biographers.

CLEAR OUT COUNTY JAILS

Criticism, it is said, will come up in the next legislature against the method of appointing emergency judges to handle crowded Superior court dockets. The main criticism noted by this paper so far is that the large number of emergency judges decrease the dignity of the court. The criticism may be true but in observing an emergency judge or so on the bench here The Star can hardly agree. However, since when was a Superior court judgeship created for dignity alone? As for the matter of court business the emergency judges seem to be serving well their day and time. It was the impression of this paper that the extra judges were for the purposes of clearing jails where under ordinary circumstances dozens of prisoners might be confined for months before giving a hearing, and to give speedy trials where such seemed necessary. In the connection it could be said that several hearings in the South might have been prevented had justice been meted out with some speed. The big item in favor of the emergency judge seems to be the lessening of county expense. Between the local court terms many county jails fill up with defendants, some of whom wait longer for court than they would be confined if sentenced. Through this period the expense of the prisoner is on the county.

The emergency judge may pass into history at the next legislature but to our way of looking at it more than injured dignity should be shown before the decision is made.

TRAINING IN THE HOME

Charlie Chaplin, the actor whose tragic roles on the screen have made fun for hundreds (it's odd how people laugh at the discomfiture of others.) now has the second tragedy in his real life. Chaplin's baby—his "Little Mouse"—by his first wife died and sorrow entered the heart of the comedian. Some years back he married beautiful, 16-year-old Lita Grey. Recently Lita came home with a bunch of friends from a hotel and staged a drunken party at 1 o'clock in the morning, according to her husband, awakened the babies, and created a furor in general. Chaplin ordered the party stopped and his wife became angry and departed for her grandmother's home taking their two children along. Now it is said she will ask for a divorce. The second real tragedy for the reel comedian.

Yet the most interesting part of the movie tragedy is the reason given for the happening by the father of Mrs. Chaplin. "My daughter did not have the right kind of home training or that would never have happened," he says. Every parent in America should read those lines and ponder a bit over the training their own children receive.

According to the father of Chaplin's young wife she was reared by an extravagant mother who divorced him for another man and then divorced the second one for the third. Extravagance broke up the home of Lita's parents and with her father and mother separated during her childhood she did not receive the care children should get. And that, according to the father, brought about the widening rift in the Chaplin home and the second sorrow to the man who has made sad men laugh; a man whose greatest desire, to have a happy home and children as other men, seems likely never to be realized.

As for the split-up of the movie colony family there is little of anything new to the story other than the publicity for the stars. Such happens there almost every week, but too much publicity of the reason why cannot be given. Not for the good of other children and other homes.

ATHLETICS AND DEBATING

Not quite one month ago a North Carolina college won the so-called state championship in football. The information was carried to thousands next morning by "streamer heads" in all the morning papers. By noon the next day a goodly portion of the state talked that college and its greatness in football. Which is the first view of college life as presented through the newspapers.

One morning last week close readers noticed a short item buried on an inside page under a small head stating that a debating team from the same college had defeated by a unanimous vote the debating team of one of the largest colleges in the South. Tuesday morning of this week an even shorter item told of the victory of another debating team from the champ football college over one of the largest universities in the east. Which is another angle of campus life as presented by news dispatches—an angle, it might be added, that has been the subject of considerable editorial discussion for several years.

Had the college football eleven of the Carolina college defeated those two schools in football instead of debating what manner of display do you suppose the story would have received? Would the news have been confined to a short item under a small head on an inside page? Not hardly,

considering North Carolina's thirst for some college football eleven that will trample the best of 'em anywhere. So, apparent debating is not to be ranked with football in North Carolina colleges?

Why is this? Why does a debating team that stacks up against and wins from the largest colleges in the east get minor mention, while a football eleven that mere comes through with a state title gets column after column of human interest, photographs and praise? Ask any passerby on the street who won the football title in North Carolina and the answer will be returned in a flash, but try a query as to what college the grid champ trimmed in oratory and you'll receive many a pitying look.

Two reasons, from the standpoint of personal opinion, may be responsible for this situation. First, the public is handed that which it wants, meaning football in gobs and debating as it has to be taken. A newspaper is justified in "playing up" football over debating because the students and alumni make it so. Remember the thousands of loyal students and alumni who paraded and yelled themselves hoarse for the football victory? Well, do you suppose one-twentieth of the same crowd thronged the debating hall for the forensic triumph? Again there bobs up the modern explanation—an outgrowth of radio, flappers and whatnot—that in life debating is not so important any more as oratory. What future is there nowadays for an orator? The old-time spell-binders are passing; money and not persuasive words get one there nowadays. A polished orator, a winner at college, be able to get a bally-hoo job with a carnival, or join some reform movement, and at the best the renowned college orator may hope for the salary in after life may reach \$3,500 per year. But the star football player Before he hardly completes his blaze on the college gridiron he is sought for pro football; \$300 per game, glory, renown and the front page along with Rockefeller, Schwab, Peaches, Aimee and the rest. Years after when the alert muscles that carried him through the line have stiffened with age, even then he will be talked by the old-timers, mentioned on all-time teams, and brought to memory by thousands who start their yarns "remember when Buck Brickbat played at old Harv-ton?" The orator, the bally-hoo artist—when the silver tone departs their vocal cords?

Perhaps it's right, but for those who like odd news it may be interesting to know that North Carolina's football champ defeated V. P. L., George Washington university and other big colleges this year in debating.

NEARLY THOUSAND  
TAR HEELS KILLED

Check Shows 682 Carolina Boys Killed in Action During World War

(Daniels in News & Observer)

Washington—Nine hundred and four North Carolina soldiers gave their lives on the battlefields of France during the World War and five times as many suffered wounds in battle.

This was made known here by the war department after a careful recheck of the hundreds of thousands of records pertaining to battle casualties suffered by the United States Army during the war.

The report made public shows that 682 men from North Carolina were killed in action and that 222 died of wounds. Three thousand, five hundred and forty-two North Carolinians received 3,376 wounds from which they recovered.

Battle casualties among the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps are not included in the figures, not even in the cases of members of these services who were wounded or killed while serving with the army. Like figures have not been compiled for the marines or the navy but North Carolina suffered its proportionate part of the 422 Navy men and the 2,457 marines killed in action.

The army figures show a total of 50,510 battle deaths of which 37,598 occurred in action and 12,492 resulted from wounds received in action. They also show that 193,663 non-mortal wounds received treatment in the cases of 182,674 individuals, making a grand total of 244,173 battle casualties, of which 244,086 occurred among members of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe (including troops in Northern Russia and at sea) and 87 among members of the American forces in Siberia. Accidental wounds, received in action or otherwise, and shell-shock (including psycho-neurosis and concussion) were not considered in compiling the statistics. The number of shell-shock cases, as shown by the records, is 5,016.

Of the 37,568 killed in action, 1,956 (including one in Siberia) were officers and 35,912 (including 26 in Siberia) were enlisted men. Of the 12,942 who died of wounds, 553 were officers and 12,383 (including eight in Siberia) were enlisted men. Of the 182,674 individuals who were wounded, but not mortally, 6,475 (including four in Siberia) were officers, three were army nurses, one was a field clerk and 176,195 (including 48 in Siberia) were enlisted men. Many individuals were wounded more than once, the number of additional non-mortal wounds treated being 10,989.

The figures also show that 195,556 individual members of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe (including those who died of wounds) were wounded once, 10,535 twice, 436 three times, and 18 four times. Of the grand total of 206,545 wounds, 127,228, or 61.60 per cent, were caused by gunshot, 68,975 or 33.40 per cent by gas, 9,486 or 4.59 per cent by shell and 229 or 0.11 per cent by air raid, and 164 or 0.07 per cent by bayonet. In the remaining 463 cases, 0.23 per cent, the records do not show the nature of the wounding agency.

North Carolina soldiers served during the war principally in the

30th and 81st division, with one regiment in the 42nd division. Other North Carolinians, however, were scattered throughout the other divisions.

Eighteen states lost more men in the war than did North Carolina. The states suffering most through war casualties were New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Massachusetts.

The greatest American losses during the war occurred in the Meuse-Argonne offense, when 26,277 men were killed or died of wounds and 95,786 were wounded. The Aisne-Marne offensive was also costly in lives lost, with 6,902 battle deaths and 25,644 wounds.

The Cantigny defensive sector was the most bloody one, with 963 deaths and 3,606 wounds suffered there.

- AT THE MOVIES -

Go to the Princess theatre to see Irvin Berlin's Music Box Revue Friday not with the idea of being shocked, but with the thought of witnessing one of the most artistic performances of the modern theatre. This Revue has made a hit from coast to coast, all over the country, not because it is "daring" or "risque," but because it is art interpreted through the medium of beauty.

Beauty—beauty of women, of setting, of song and music—is its outstanding characteristic. It is light, airy, exquisite—staged by one of the master hands in the modern show business.

The advance seat sale has been heavy, and it is likely the house will be sold out when the curtain rises Friday night.

This is perhaps the most ambitious effort the Beams have made to bring a big outstanding theatrical hit to Shelby. There are a hundred in the cast—which is one of the biggest of road shows, even for the big cities.

Colleen Moore, recently voted the most popular star on the screen, is due at the Webb theatre Thursday and Friday in her latest "Twinkle-toes." This is a bright, vivacious, sparkling show—the best of entertainment.

There will be shown with this picture a feature exhibition that all women patrons of the theatre will immensely appreciate—Miss Hope Hampton in her semi-annual style show—and elaborate picture done in full color. Miss Hampton has appeared here at the Webb in these style shows, and they were voted superb exhibitions of the stylists art. Miss Hampton is one of the most beautiful women in the country, graceful and charming, and as a mannikin is especially appealing.

Mr. Webb announced that a new cashier is at the theatre window—Miss Pauline Ingram, taking the place of Mrs. Wray Hopper.

Work on the conversion of the Webb stage, for speaking attractions, is progressing rapidly.

ONE GROUND FOR  
DIVORCE IN N. C.

Raleigh—Abolishment of all divorce grounds in North Carolina except "unfaithfulness" will be advocated before the state legislature which convenes soon.

Movement to that effect was reported started by the Leakville-Spray Ministerial association in resolution to be circulated among ministers of the state.

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- \$150.00 Ten Piece Dining Room Suites at ..... \$115.00
- \$175.00 Ten Piece Dining Room Suites at ..... \$119.00
- \$300.00 Ten Piece Dining Room Suites at ..... \$175.00
- \$325.00 Ten Piece Dining Room Suites at ..... \$215.00

More 50 pound cotton mattresses at 10c per pound

More \$1.25 double bottom cane chairs at 85c each

More \$8.50 iron beds, regular at \$5.75 each

- \$10.00 Oak Wash Stands at ..... \$ 5.00 each
- \$14.00 Oak Wash Stands at ..... 7.50 each
- \$16.00 Oak Wash Stands at ..... 8.50 each
- \$17.00 Oak Wash Stands at ..... 9.75 each
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LOOK AT THIS

We have secured 500 more of those beautiful little Rag Rugs—The Talk of the Town—which we will sell 100 each morning at 10 o'clock at 25c each. Regular \$1.00 values.

LOOK OUT FOR NEXT WEEK

The last week of our successful Christmas Sale—Extra Specials worlds without end will be offered.

REMEMBER

With every Mascot Range we sell during this sale will give absolutely free a 32 piece dinner set and \$10.00 worth of groceries—During this sale and for cash only.

Big Shipment of Rag Rugs Received Last Week—Now On Sale—

- 18x36 rugs \$1.00 values at 25c each at 10 o'clock each morning.
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- 4x.7 rugs \$5.25 values at \$2.95 each as long as they last.

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