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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.

WED. APRIL 13, 1927.

TWINKLES.

A mild storm, or a tornado in Asheville we would guess depends entirely on which newspaper gets to tell it first.

Bootleggers must pay income tax, Uncle Sam declares. Can you hear the chuckles from the ranks of those who were also told they must not mess with bootleg?

A man who says he is a Mason, a Baptist, and a Klucker announces himself for Al Smith. He'll have a lot more titles when some folks get through with him now.

With a couple of luncheon clubs, many fraternal orders, a K. K. K. branch and a few other things the men of Shelby may now be said to be about as clubby as the women.

The man who married recently at the age of 75 did not have any worries. Why should he? Everybody admits that things gets easier after the first 100 years or so.

About the wisest observation to make in the coming municipal election is: "I'm not going to vote for five of the candidates." The wisdom comes in not naming the five, or the other one.

Ultra fashion prophesy includes the prediction that within a year or two men must wear silken knickers instead of long trousers and exhibit their limbs to the knee. When the time comes watch the marriages decrease.

It having been several years since we left the farm Ye Twinkler cannot qualify to tell all the things the farmers are doing out on the farm now. The one thing that we do know they are doing is the same thing they were doing several months back: Waiting on that farm relief.

One Kiss, scientists say, takes three minutes off the human life. Perhaps the poor scientists have never learned that some kisses to some folks are considered worth the span of several lives. Can't be true anyway, or we wouldn't have any movie stars still living.

The morning newspapers were of unusual interest today. Restless fans of the past winter are now enjoying themselves in determining how youngsters like Cobb, Speaker, Collins, Alexander and Johnson are going to make the grade in the major leagues.

A NEW EDITOR COMES

Observant followers of editorial pages in North Carolina newspapers will ere long welcome a new comer. Robert Latham, former editor of The Charlotte News and Courier, is to become the editor of The Asheville Citizen. Mr. Latham it will be remembered was a recent Pulitzer prize winner for the best editorial of the year and he has long been recognized as one of the peer editorial writers of South Carolina.

Mr. Latham comes to a good state and a fine city and will take over the editorial reins of one of the state's best newspapers.

AL SMITH AND NEWS

North Carolina news editors we believe must have a news chart on their desks where various types of news are rated according to their value. Heading the list of values, one would judge is the news caption "Al Smith." When the rucus in China isn't worth playing up, or the crime waves become mere ripples, Al heads right back to the front page. Any one in public life from a janitor to a Congressman may get on the front page by merely expressing an opinion about Al's chances of taking the letter "C" from the front of the name of the next occupant of the White House. The funny part of it is that no one seems to mind the contrasting opinions offered, some of them almost ludicrous.

An afternoon paper of Monday has a displayed story by a so-called political writer and observer in Raleigh who tenders the opinion that Al Smith would not carry North Carolina if nominated and would hardly carry his home state in New York. (The sensible will please use the blue pencil where they think needed.)

A morning paper on the following day flares out the information that one man with Baptist, Masonic and Klucker affiliations is for Al and believes the reported wet Catholic to be a winner. (The blue or red pencil, as you desire—and where.)

Yes, the biggest thing we see to Al Smith is that he is NEWS! He even supersedes these days the man Dana would have bite a dog.

PRESS AND RECORDS

The Charlotte News recently forced the publication of names suppressed by an officer of the law, a Superior court judge ordering that the names be made public. The News has received numerous tributes for the work, among the fitting remarks being the following by the Winston-Salem Journal:

The morning paper carried the story of how the Charlotte News, one of North Carolina's leading daily papers, obtained an order from Judge T. B. Finley to force the Alexander County Sheriff to give the newspaper access to certain public records.

It was a precedent and is one of those happy things that occur from time to time in our public. The account declares that the judge willingly signed the order.

The time has passed when an official in North Carolina can shield any public record from the investigating eye of the newspaper. If a newspaper means anything, it means that it shall have the right to look into any situation that is recorded on the public books. If the newspaper represents anybody, it represents the public, and it not only has the right, but is under obligations to look into the public records.

Oftentimes the press makes a mistake both in its editorial columns and in its news columns. It is under obligation to correct these. But all fair-minded men are agreed that no official representing the people has the right to close his records to the newspaper, representing these people as much, though not officially, as he does.

The precedent set by Judge Finley when he signed this order puts a legal stamp of approval by newspaper investigation in North Carolina. It serves direct and impressive notice on all sheriffs that their records cannot be concealed legally from the responsible representatives of the press.

SUPPORTING OFFICIALS

When any official holds a public office and gives the best service in him there is little ground for criticism. When a man gives his best, whether it be in public life or elsewhere, that is all that can humanly be asked of him.

Many people wonder why newspapers support those holding public office, those about whom there is no hint of dishonesty or unfair dealings even though they may fall down occasionally on the job. If a man in public life does err occasionally, what of that? Most of us make mistakes. The one who makes his bobbles in public life has more folks interested in what he does. The mistakes he makes from a fundamental standpoint are no more than the mistakes other humans make regardless. That is, of course, when nothing is fundamentally wrong with the procedure.

Miss Beatrice Cobb, clear-thinking editor of the Morganton News-Herald, speaking of the recent town election there and of the paper's support of candidates and officials after election says it just as it, whatever it is, should be said:

The News-Herald tried to be fair in the campaign preceding the town election that has just been held, giving all sides the same consideration in the use of space. That is our policy always.

Now that the election is over and the choice of the people has been spoken at the polls the men who have been elected are "our" officials and we expect to stand by them in every good undertaking. The five men who have been elected to serve for two years as members of the board will find the service required of them is not a picnic, by any means, and at the close of their terms they will likely be glad to be relieved of the burden. To serve the public, try to please everybody, meet the demands and at the same time practice rigid economy is not the easiest task in the world.

If every citizen could remember that it is impossible for a human being to be perfect and do everything just right we would be more charitable and tolerant toward our public officials. We believe that the men whose administration is closing have served honestly and conscientiously. We feel sure that those who assume office next Monday will put forth their utmost endeavor to serve the town well.

Not long ago a critic of The News-Herald said to us very frankly, "Of course you stand by those fellows, whatever they do." He did not mean it as a compliment, but it was more complimentary of the paper's attitude toward anybody who tries to do an almost thankless job than he intended. Of course they make mistakes—who is there who doesn't?—but these cannot be corrected by rancorous criticisms. We trust that such criticism as we may feel called to offer will be of a constructive type. There is entirely too much of the latter. Such cooperation as we can lend in any way we pledge ourselves to give to the incoming board.

BELWOOD SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Mr. Ledford, School Principal Sick, Blood Poison Sets Up In Mr. Norman's Leg.

(Special to The Star.)

The play given at Piedmont high school Saturday night by the married ladies and gentlemen of Kadesh church was well played and a large crowd was out. Proceeds around \$50.00.

Misses Ruth Tillman and Ollie Dellinger were the guests of Miss Rosemary Peeler Saturday night.

Prof. C. A. Ledford is very ill at this writing with kidney colic and flu. We hope he will soon be back again in school.

Mr. Vance Norman has been past walking for the last two weeks with blood poison, caused from a thorn in his leg.

Mrs. Ralph Hull is very ill at this writing with appendicitis. We only hope she wont have to go to the hospital and wish for her a speedy recovery.

Quite a few people of this community are very sick with flu or something very similar to the same.

Miss Hattie Norman is still improving a little. She has been sick for a some time.

The following seniors will receive their diplomas from Belwood high school in May with high honors: Ralph Brackett, Bertha Brackett, Lucy Sain, Lucy Dixon, Fay Gantt, Lula Iueter, Alda Willis, Mary Sain, Jessie Dixon, Ruby Dayberry Fletcher D. Sain, Dover Norman, Mitchell Sain and Robert Norman. The girls have decided to use the rainbow colors and are planning for an interesting night.

Belwoods first nine played Moriah's first nine and defeated them by a score of 20 to 24.

The debators will leave for Chapel Hill Wednesday to represent Belwood school. Fifteen yells for them if the cup comes back.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bingham visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Willis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cline visited Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith Thursday afternoon.

Miss Inez Propst spent Wednesday night with Miss Effie Wellmon.

Mrs. R. C. Johnson is very sick. Mrs. Johnson has been very ill for the past week.

Mr. Clem Johnson of Charlotte, visited his mother Mrs. R. C. Johnson a few days out of the past week.

Miss Iva London spent Thursday night with Miss Inez Lutz.

Miss Lorine Tillman spent Thursday night with Miss Catherine Hubbard.

Miss Catherine Hubbard spent Saturday night with her cousin, Miss Dorothy Peeler.

Mr. S. L. Gantt, jr. spent Saturday with Mr. Solon Deal.

Mr. Lloyd Guess visited Mr. C. G. Richard Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ruth Gold, Mildred Peeler, Ola May Brackett visited Miss Mary Brackett Sunday.

Mr. B. C. Turner spent the week end at his home.

Mr. Will Willis and son, Bynum visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton King Saturday.

Mesdames Roscoe Peeler, Bynum Chapman, Will Richard and Mr. T. P. Deal have been pointed out to direct the play that will be given later by the young people of Knob

Creek church.

There will be preaching at eleven o'clock, April the 24th at Knob Creek church. The Lord's supper will be administered. Let everybody come out, and have Brother Morgans special sermon.

Miss Flora Quester visited Miss Dorothy Peeler Sunday afternoon.

Bostics Of Shelby Are Safe In China

Fighting Is Within Fifty Miles Of Them—Will Leave Advice Of U. S. Consul

The latest news of the Bostick family in war-torn China, which was of March 2nd, was to the effect that all were well and safe, but that they were between the Northern and Southern armies, and that the fighting was within fifty miles of them. They had been notified by the consul to leave, and Mrs. Wade Bostick and her sixteen year old daughter Orson were to leave as soon as possible with Mr. and Mrs. Strother and their baby, young missionaries who have only been in China a year.

Mr. Wade Bostick, with Miss Attie Bostick and Miss Riddell decided to remain at their post until ordered by the consul to leave. Conditions there at the time were quiet and peaceful, and the Chinese have the highest regard for and confidence in the missionaries, and there is nothing but the deepest friendship for them. That the condition will be however when one or the other of the fighting armies goes through, however, it will be hard to say.

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