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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.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1927.

TWINKLES.

Old King Cotton may still be on the throne in these parts, but he seems to be vamped by some silken-clad queen, or several.

Have you contributed yet to the flood relief fund? Just because the raging waters are receding do not get the idea that the suffering and want has ended.

Henry Ford may be the world's richest man, but ere long Al Smith will be running him a race as the world's best press-agented citizen. And the front page stuff is free.

Otto Wood started a row in the State Prison "death row" the other day, and we hereby claim the honors of being first to get the "one man crime wave" back in the paragraphs.

North Carolina is hearing considerable talk these days about the state's champion hikers, male and female, but when the records are chalked up the fact that we have a few fairly good runners in Our Bob and Miss Julia shouldn't be overlooked.

One may be inclined to worry about Andy and Min's financial hereafter, even including little Chester, but since it is Springtime Ye Twinkler believes Uncle Bim Gump has as much right to let his fancy wander to the Widow Zander as do any other gumps in the season of Springtime heart-beats.

One candidate for alderman in the city election today says that he has been accused of lining up with "the ring" and he's wanting to know who "the ring" is so as to determine the quality of the company he's said to be keeping. Without giving him any real information Ye Twinkler would say that he should do very little worrying either way. There may be a ring in Shelby, but as doubtful as the ordinary citizen is about who may be elected today a ring, or any other political circle, doesn't seem to have done much monopolizing.

PICKING BIG DEMOCRATS

John Maynard Harlan, prominent Republican, is now conceded the honor of being the man who "uncovered" Woodrow Wilson for the Democratic party in 1912 and gave the party one of its greatest readers. R. R. Clark, writing in the Greensboro News, rises to remark: "Thought the honor had been firmly cinched by Colonel George Harvey, who afterward wished he hadn't."

Wilson has had a number of finders, as we remember, but the big thing in our mind now is for some fellow to do some more uncovering to relieve the present muddle.

CONGRATULATIONS, MAYOR

By the time this is read by those who go home late from their work this evening the next mayor of Shelby will have been elected. A few hours later the vote will be tabulated and it will be another two years before Shelby picks Hizzoner all over.

The Star would take this premature opportunity of congratulating him, whoever he may be. May he have the support of the entire town. Differences of a campaign, if there were any, should be forgotten with every citizen pulling together for an improved Shelby.

ROAD SIGNS AND WIVES

Editorial paragraphs of the present day occasionally remind their readers of the days when Mark Twain and O. Henry dashed off humorous thoughts with points attached.

The Montgomery Advertiser tells of the following road sign found in the West: "Four thousand and sixty-seven people died from gas last year. Twenty-seven inhaled it. Thirty-one struck a match to it; the rest of 'em stepped on it."

The Columbia State queries about Eve being a model wife as follows: "No one contends that Eve was a model wife, but she tried to be a good provider for Adam, as is evidenced by the undisputed facts that she cooked his goose, made a hash of his affairs, stewed a pretty kettle of fish, spilled the beans in general, and her cake was all dough, just because she sampled the devil's brew."

WAS METHUSELAH DROWNED?

The question and answer craze has brought forth a rife for information. News dispatches of the day reveal many unusual bits of knowledge and supposition advanced by answers.

Somebody asked how Methuselah died and along comes a church saying that he was drowned in the flood. The news item from Boston reads:

Methuselah, famed for his age, might have lived even longer had he not been left out in the rain at the time of the Flood.

At least that is the conclusion reached in a report by members of the Brookline Inter-Church council following an exhaustive study of the question, "Why wasn't Methuselah with his grandson, Noah, on the Ark?"

The report refers to Genesis 5:25 to show that Methuselah was 187 years old when Noah's father, Lamech, was born. According to Genesis 5:28, Lamech was 182 when Noah was born, and (Genesis 7:6), Noah was 600 when the flood came.

Totalling these figures the council found that it was 969 years from the birth of Methuselah to the time of the flood. They pointed to Genesis 5:27, which says that "all the days of Methuselah were 969 years and he died."

This proves, according to the council, that when the flood came Noah gathered his menagerie and entered the ark, leaving his venerable grandfather out in the rain.

SPIRIT OF TOLERANCE

America isn't broad-minded enough. That's the charge made by a recent foreign visitor of note. The critics of his statement ran their rage through several columns, but a sane view is that the visitor was not so far wrong after all. There may be considerable graft in various affairs over the country, public and semi-public, and humans are not perfect in any circle, business, professional or social.

The other fellow usually has right sound reasons for his beliefs and convictions. Too many people pass snap judgment and take warped views of public acts.

The public official these days who sells the bonds of the town, city, state or nation he governs is lucky if he gets by without some person with a slant brain remarks that "he's getting his." Sinclair Lewis' unjust novel introduces an era in which ministers and their actions fall under the same narrow-minded criticism.

It is an old maxim of the backwoods that "the fellow who thinks everybody else crooked is not so straight himself."

The Spartanburg Herald commenting on tolerance says: The Newberry Observer quotes the following utterance from Voltaire, the famous French philosopher:

"I disagree with every word you say, but will defend with my life your right to say it."

Had Voltaire written or uttered no other sentence, that would have insured his name perpetuity with all who think and reason and grapple with life and its problems the world over, from generation to generation.

Our Newberry contemporary suggests that we all practice this sentiment, and try to give our fellowman the right to his opinion and its expression without imputing to him sinister, selfish or unworthy motives. Such a course, if universally adopted, would bring about a revolution devoutly to be wished. There is a spirit of intolerance and prejudice and bigotry abroad in the land in every sphere of human activity, not confined to politics, business or religion. A certain man is selected to head some organization, and the usual question encountered from the cynic: "What does he get out of it?" Some benevolent or philanthropic soul expresses himself, either by word of mouth or in print, on some issue, and however sincere and disinterested the action, at once there are those who echo and re-echo: "He's financially interested, you know," and with a wink or a nod leave the impressive that such is the case when nothing could be further from the truth.

It is this spirit of cynicism and intolerance that to a degree keeps some men, admirably adapted and equipped for the public service, to enough alone," predominates.

If there is one thing needed in this age it is a spirit of tolerance broadmindedness and liberality among mankind and womankind the world over. When we disarm suspicion and doubt and conjecture and are willing to admit that others have convictions and are not only entitled to them but to expressing them, however at variance with our own, this will be a better world to live in.—Spartanburg Herald.

shrink from offering themselves for office, and as a result, "let well

SCHOOL PROPERTY SHOWS GAIN OVER NORTH CAROLINA

News and Observer.

Value of school houses and school property used for elementary and secondary educational purposes in North Carolina increased from \$70,705,835 in value in 1925 to \$84,541,828 in 1926, the current issue of State School Facts states.

With the value of school houses and property increasing year by year, the number of school houses steadily decrease. Consolidation of rural schools, with large investments in modern school structures, is the primary cause for the increase in value of the school property.

Figures compiled by L. H. Jobe, editor of the publication, reveal that the value of the school property last year was more than three times the value of property used for similar purposes during the school year of 1920-21, or more than 20 times the value of that used in 1905-06.

An indication of the merging of the "little red schoolhouses" into twentieth century structures is seen in the gradual reduction from year to year of the number of elementary and secondary educational structures. At the close of the school year 1925-26, there were 6,795 schoolhouses in which elementary and high school instruction was given to both the white and colored school children of the state. Two years previous, 1923-24, there were 7,360 schoolhouses used for this purpose; and in 1904-05 there were 7,376.

Consolidation of schools, one of the major hobbies of State Superintendent A. T. Allen, has "arrived" with leaps and bounds during the past three years. The result has been that larger and better school structures have been erected in every county throughout the state.

The peak in the number of schoolhouses in the state was reached in 1914-15 when there were 8,049 schoolhouses—5,640 for white and 2,409 for colored—in North Carolina. Five years later, 1920, there were 7,994 and in 1925 there were 7,086. One year later there were 6,795, of which 4,402 were for whites and 2,393 for colored. The decrease in number in one year amounted to 291.

Editor Jobe states that the average value of each school plant in the state last year was \$12,306, as compared to an average value in 1904-05 of \$432, or in 1918-19 of \$1,798. From 1919-20 to 1924-25 the value of schoolhouses in North Carolina trebled, he writes. By 1929-30, he thinks the value will reach \$30,000, if the present rate obtains.

From charts and table in School Facts it is ascertained that 54 per cent of the white school property is in the rural districts. This is not considered surprising in view of the fact that 75 per cent of the white enrollment last year was in rural schools.

The average value of the rural schoolhouses for white children is \$9,727; whereas for city children the average schoolhouse has a value of \$102,550. Value of the rural school in average is kept down by the large number of small schoolhouses still in use in the rural districts.

Good roads, which have resulted in rural school children being enabled to reach school more easily, has made the path of con-

solidation less difficult, he writes.

The average schoolhouse used by the rural colored children was valued at \$124 in 1904-05 and \$1,668 in 1925-26, where as the average schoolhouse used by the city colored children was valued at \$3,134 in 1904-05 and \$31,069 in 1925-26.

Twenty-two years ago the value of rural school property per white child enrolled was \$4.79; whereas in the same year the average value of city property per child enrolled was \$37.61. Last year the value per white child in the rural districts was \$92.53 and for city children \$250.41. For colored rural children the value was \$18.96 and for city children \$86.94.

There are more schoolhouses used for the education of the white children of Wilkes county than any other rural system, 124. There are fewer schoolhouses for white children in Camden county, eight.

TRY STAR ADS

MRS. SNYDER TAKES STAND IN MURDER TRIAL; SOBS SOME

Blames Gray, Her Lover, For Brutal Murder of Husband, Says He Was The Slayer.

New York.—Holding high blonde head, Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder, took the stand Friday and denied she killed, or plotted to kill, her husband, Albert Snyder, magazine art editor.

Her denial, accompanied by tears, was categorical. She repudiated her confession as a statement obtained under duress and, after denying specific points, denied it in toto. Point by point she was taken over the state's case, denying that she schemed to get her husband insured for \$50,000 and then plotted his death.

She fixed upon Henry Judd Gray, her erstwhile salesman, the responsibility for the killing. Fought With Gray.

Not only did she deny participation in the crime, but she told of a struggle with Gray in her husband's bedroom, where she grappled with him, she said, in a last desperate effort to save her husband's life.

Gray, she said, pushed her so hard she fell on the floor in a faint and, when she revived, made her agree to tell a tale of burglary by two Italians. She complied, she said "in mortal fear."

She was on the stand, ready for cross-examination when court adjourned this afternoon until Monday morning. Her testimony followed upon that of several witnesses called in her behalf, including her mother, Josephine Brown. Opening addresses were made by counsel for both defendants.

Counsel for Mrs. Snyder outlined the story she told from the stand and counsel for Gray asserted they would prove that Mrs. Snyder, "a serpent woman," not only plotted but actually killed Albert Snyder, to get his insurance, and that Gray was a tool.

Attracted by the report that Mrs. Snyder would take the stand to bare her life, people poured into Long Island City from Manhattan and added their number to those drawn from Queens village and other nearby places. When court resumed after lunch, the time Mrs. Snyder was expected to testify, the crowd jammed around the court room door. Reporters fought for

half an hour to get through the mob, and only got through when police ejected hundreds without passes.

The court room was packed when Mrs. Snyder was called to the stand shortly after 2 o'clock. She wore the costume usual with her since the trial began—black hat, black coat and black dress. Henry Judd Gray sat chin in hand, almost indifferently, as she told her story, rousing himself once when she told of seeing him astride her husband as he lay in bed, bludgeoning him with a sashweight and at other points, shaking his head slightly as in a disagreement with her story.

Mrs. Snyder's testimony was given, for most part, in unusually good English, spoken in a modulated but at times, metallic voice. She cried when she spoke of her husband being angry because their daughter Lorraine, now 9 years old, was not a boy. She wept a second time when she described Gray's bludgeoning of her husband.

HEADLIGHT CLINIC TO BE HELD HERE

A headlight adjustment clinic designed to instruct mechanics and electrical station employes in accordance with rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Highway commission will be held here Wednesday evening, May 11 on the lot located at W. Marion street adjoining the garage. It was announced today by Chas. L. Eskridge who is directing the local work. Garage owners, mechanics and electrical station employes who expect to render official headlight adjustments must attend the clinic.

Responsible garages are requested to register their employes who will attend the clinic with Mr. Eskridge immediately. The clinic is made necessary through certain technical rules for safe headlighting made by the State highway commission under the terms and responsibility of the new North Carolina state law regulating the glare of headlights. The clinic is being held by the state highway commission, Eskridge motor company and the Carolina Motor club cooperating.

The public may secure official headlight testing at this clinic free of charge. Car owners who desire adjustments are requested to be at the clinic lot at 7 o'clock in the evening of May 11. While no certificates will be issued at this time, the adjustment may save considerable time and provide better lighting for the car owner without cost to him.

The law requiring adjustment follows: "Section 51. The commissioner is authorized to designate, furnish instructions to and to supervise official stations for adjusting head lamps and auxiliary driving lamps to conform with the provisions of section 47. When head lamps and auxiliary driving lamps have been adjusted in conformity with the instructions issued by the commissioner a certificate of adjustment shall be issued to the driver of the motor vehicle on the forms issued in duplicate by the commissioner and showing date of issue, registration number of the motor vehicle, owner's name, make of vehicle and official designation of the adjusting station.

"The driver of any motor vehicle with approved lamps who is arrested upon a charge that such lamps are improperly adjusted or are equipped with bulbs of a candle power not approved for use there-with, shall be allowed 48 hours within which to bring such lamps into conformance with the require-

ments of this act. It shall be a defense to any such charge that the person arrested produce in court a certificate from an official adjusting station showing that within 48 hours after such arrest such lamps have been made to conform with the requirements of this act."

Skating And Gum Chewing Contests

Fun Parties Give Away To New Crazes. Roller Skating Fad And Gum Honors.

(By International News Service.)

Indianapolis, Ind.—Old-fashioned gin parties have yielded to two new crazes in attracting the fleeting attention of the flaming youth of Indiana.

Singularly, one of these vogues is a revival of the roller skating fad that swept the country when the present fast young married set had turned sixteen.

The other attraction is the eager contest for the world's gum chewing championship, now in possession of a young man of Gary, who chewed 120 sticks simultaneously, a cud that weighed seven and one-half ounces.

When faculty members of Indiana and Butler Universities jammed the dilapidated flivvers and other cars used by the students, the roller skating revival commission will be held here Wednesday evening, May 11 on the lot located at W. Marion street adjoining the garage. It was announced today by Chas. L. Eskridge who is directing the local work. Garage owners, mechanics and electrical station employes who expect to render official headlight adjustments must attend the clinic.

Like the ambitious coffee drinkers and long time dance contestants, the gum chewing championship record has been broken nearly every day for several weeks.

Vernon King, of Goodland, thought he was chewing right powerfully when he chomped up 75 sticks, but his mark was gummed up a few hours later by Buck Heisterberg, of Crown Point, who masticated 85 pieces.

Michael Miller, Gary fireman, courted Lady Championship with all his Irish blarney and won her with 100 pieces, only to lose her to Carl Cury, of Brookston, who had had her before with 75 sticks. Cury's second effort reached 101.

The fickle lady, along the line, had tilted youths of Fort Wayne and Highland, the later had even after he had scored a record at a chamber of commerce party with 105 sticks.

Lady Championship now is back with the fire laddies. Masticating furiously, James Owens, of Gary, chewed away to 120 but was forced to call upon comrades in the fire station to extricate the wad.

She Wants Big Coin For Scar On Her Leg

Baltimore, Md.—Fawn Gray, dancer, filed suit in there federal court here against the Panama-Pacific Steamship company for \$100,000 damages alleging enforced vaccination by physicians of the ships. She was bound from Panama to fulfill an engagement she declared, when ship's doctors forced her to be vaccinated—on the thigh after she protested it being done on her arm.

Miss Gray alleges the operation was performed in a "careless and reckless manner," obliging her to undergo treatment and that she is "seriously and permanently injured about the body and limbs."

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