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Entered as second class matter January 1, 1905, at the postoffice at Shelby, North Carolina, under the Act of Congress, March 3, 1879. 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.

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1927.

TWINKLES

Out any street you can see Shelby still spreading.

A shortage never worries a flapper. She grins and bares it.

Ignorance of the law doesn't count, y'know, and this is the day, July 1, when all the new automobile laws go into effect.

The world isn't going to the devil when there are folks still living who look around with an embarrassed face after saying "doggone."

If all the bootleg said to be made in the South Mountains is made there the tax on gasoline sold to transport it elsewhere ought to pay for a big part of the paving of Highway 18 all the way from Shelby to Morganton.

Some genius could greatly benefit the world by advertising a perfect plan of bringing up children and then sending to all requesting information a paddle of the type dad's dad used.

"Many a drunken driver has been encouraged to do it again by the light fines of magistrates and mayors," says The Yorkville Enquirer. In other words, light fines cause many a man to get lit again.

Why be blue, if you haven't an indigo spine? Local banks have declared a dividend, farmers are cheerful over crop prospects, and textile mill business seems to be on the upgrade.

ADVISES HOME CHICKS

Anent this paper's recent mention of the many pounds of Tennessee chickens sold by one Kings Mountain store it is noted that The Kings Mountain News, in which paper the item about the chickens appeared, also commented upon the fact that Cleveland county farmers are in the poultry business and should be able to supply the home demand for chicken dinners.

However, that is a way of life. Tennessee chickens are sold in this country and trucks pick up a big part of our county chickens and sell them in Charlotte and other cities some distance away.

WHY MOB LAW PAYS NOT

There are numerous sane and humane reasons why mob law—the law of the lynching party—never pays. Remonstrating with a group of people so excited, and so incited, to do an unlawful act is a foolhardy task at the time. Soldiers with fixed bayonets and awaiting machine guns offer about the best reasoning for such a time. However, it does seem as if there is one reason, that of mistaken identity, that has bobbed up often enough in lynching and near lynchings to make any man think before he becomes a member of a mob, or lynching party.

A review of events of recent weeks in the two Carolinas should leave a matter of doubt, even with the most rabid, about taking the chance of handling the law to satisfy an excited group of men—

—One man, closely connected with the Alvin Mansel attack in Asheville, believes, or so he says, that Broadus Miller, who fatally attacked the Morganton girl, was the man who attempted the deeds for which Mansel is now serving a life sentence and came near dying for. What if it should turn out so—and Mansel had been lynched?

The widow of the slain Greenville (S. C.) sheriff, told shortly after the murder of her husband that she saw a man with a black face pass a window at a time near the killing. A short search for the face she saw at the window was made. Later the widow and a deputy of the slain officer were jailed charged with the crime. Suppose some negro had been caught who resembled the face at the window?

Word from Hickory is that colored people there, seeing the broadcast photo of Miller, cannot be sure whether the photo is that of Miller, or of Gene Martin. If the two look as near alike as that suppose the first excited band of men in Burke had encountered the wrong one?

It is easy in moments of excitement to make mistakes. Resemblance in some men, especially colored men, are unusually alike some times. In the court room with the usual careful procedure of courts that danger is eliminated.

The fearful chance of mistaken identity, if nothing else, should stay the hand of a mob or lynching party.

SEEING AND LEARNING

The Star's wonder as to why North Carolina newspapers do not offer sight-seeing trips in their own state for circulation leaders instead of tours to other states brings a note of objection from The News & Observer, which says:

The Cleveland Star wonders why The News and Observer and other newspaper offer trips to Western states, to New England and to Canada when there is just as attractive scenery to be found in the Old North State. It suggests as a good slogan, "see North Carolina first." The Star is right as to the scenery in North Carolina, but that doesn't mean North Carolinians ought not to see other states as well.

There's a good deal more to visiting Western states than scenery. There are Western folks and Western ways, and the exchange of ideas contributes as much to the educational features of trips away from home as the natural wonders. Then, too, there is the thrill that comes from traveling long distances.

North Carolina has the wonderful combination of ocean and mountains, of beach and hills, of city and country, and one does not have to leave the State in order to find most any kind of scenery he wishes, but that doesn't mean that people ought not to visit other states, if they desire. It is well to keep in mind that the horizon extends beyond the borders of the State.

By mentioning that many North Carolinians should see their home state first The Star does not necessarily mean that they should not visit and see other states, there to learn other customs and ways. Tours of that nature are broadening and very beneficial to all who make them. The Star doesn't intend to discourage travel in other states and abroad, but there is considerable to see at home that many North Carolinians have never seen. See that first or see part of it in between tours to other states.

Our idea is illustrated in an incident in the tour of a recent North Carolina party of prominence to the mountain section of a distant state. While discussing mountain arts with members of another tourist party one of the North Carolinians was baffled when a member of the other party—from West Virginia to be exact—remarked: "But this doesn't compare with the pottery workers at Jugtown in North Carolina. Have you been there?"

The North Carolinian had to admit that he had never visited Jugtown, less than 75 miles from his front door. Nevertheless he tried to be sophisticated and "well-travelled" in his general conversation with the people from West Virginia. He had been to Atlantic City, in the Catskills, on the Hudson, around Washington's historic spots, up to the tip of Woolworth's pile of stone, to the Magnolia Gardens, and elsewhere. At home he hadn't been anywhere.

On similar occasions North Carolinians are embarrassed by being asked about the glow of the sun on the clouds hanging about Blowing Rock, the slowly receding bathing beach of the North Carolina coasts, the mountain scenery in the Chimney Rock section, the rhododendron of the beautiful Carolina wilderness, the awe inspiring view from the peak of Eastern America's loftiest mount—all at home in North Carolina.

That's our objection to the Western tours, if you get us. Nothing wrong with the Western, or other scenic tours, but likewise there are a few things at home worthy of being visited and admired.

ABOUT THIS CITY SALARY MATTER

On the front page today there appears a legal opinion from Messrs. McSwain and eBam, regarding the salary limit of the mayor of Shelby, which is contrary to the opinion of the present and former city attorneys, Messrs. Burrus and Mull.

Just which pair of lawyers is correct in their opinion The Star is unable to say. t gladly gave the opinions of both Messrs. Mull and Burrus who have made a study of the complicated municipal law should have an opinion and a knowledge of law that is worth as much as Messrs. McSwain and eBam. When Burrus and Mull had further investigated the law yesterday they still expressed the opinion that they are right. t is true that there are several plans of city government. Plan A is the aldermanic form, another plan is the commission form, another plan is the city manager plan, etc. The lawyers who have served as city attorneys are of the opinion that the aldermanic form applies to Shelby's government, regardless of whether there was an official adoption of the "A" plan.

No Objection to Former Salary That question is more for the lawyers and courts to settle. The Star feels that the big concern to the tax payers is whether Mr. Dorsey's salary ought to be raised. He was elected with the understanding on the part of the tax payers that they would pay him \$1,800 a year. They are willing to pay that and say nothing more about it.

We have not criticised the present administration editorially, although there have been many points of attack, but if the salary of \$2,400 is set, we do protest and know the tax payers are also against the increase. We would then like to see a friendly suit to settle the difference of opinions of the lawyers.

If our "speculative comment" as Mayor Dorsey calls it, results in the salary remaining \$1,500 and \$25 per month for extra compensation, a total of \$1,800 as heretofore, The Star will feel that it has done the tax payers a service in saving \$600 a year, representing

the difference between the \$1,800 and the \$2,400 set in the budget.

It is contrary to the settled policy of the state to allow public officials to pass upon matters in which they are personally pecuniarily concerned.

Certainly the duties of the office are no heavier than they have been with the big construction program over. If Mayor Dorsey and the board wish to set the salary at \$1,800, certainly Ex-Mayor Weathers, with his heavy duties, was entitled to the same amount and the \$425 he refunded in an effort to play fair and square with the city, upon the interpretation of the salary law by the city's own attorney, then his money should be paid back to him. The administration can overthrow the opinions of the city attorneys and follow the opinions handed down by McSwain and eBam, that the clerk is justified in paying Mr. Dorsey \$1,800, but notice Messrs. McSwain and eBam do not rule on the salary of \$2,400 which the officials undertook to set by the adoption of the budget. Why did not Mayor Dorsey get his personal legal advisers to rule on that phase of the question?

The Star has no desire to criticize unduly the present administration. On the other hand, it has had praise from these columns, but when that executive session was held about two weeks ago and The Star undertook to get the proceedings and inform the tax payers about their affairs and their officials, Mayor Dorsey at first refused to give out anything. Two hours later he handed us a supposed copy of the whole minutes. It developed later that the matter of most important concern to the tax payers was not in the minutes we were allowed to see; namely, the adoption of the budget prepared by J. L. Hoyle, auditor, which set a salary scale of \$2,400 for the mayor and \$300 per year for each member of the board.

It was the publication of this fact that provoked Mayor Dorsey to write us a letter asking us to "run The Star and let him run the city."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The trustees of Shelby Special Charter School District No. 33 will receive sealed bids for school building, heating and plumbing each separately. Plans may be secured from B. H. Kendall, chairman. All bids must be in his hands by noon, Saturday, July 8th, 1927.

The Ford-Ette

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Published in the interest of the Motorists of Shelby and Vicinity by Chas. L. Eskridge.

From now on we expect to listen to some whopping fish stories.

Remember that the License Bureau will be closed on July 4th, as this is a legal holiday.

Judging from the number of people reported gathering dandelions, the Department of Agriculture must have predicted a failure of the grape crop this year.

No — We haven't got any new news on the NEW FORD CAR. Keep your

eyes on The Star and Fordette.

It's a funny thing about the dandelion. We used to cuss it. Now it's our most popular flower.

Judge James L. Webb sure made his family happy by buying them a Ford Fordor Sedan. Ask the judge.

June love may not be classified as a disease, but it is frequently catching and of a rash nature.

How about placing your order for a New Model Ford. Orders will be filled as received.

If the heat from the mountain ranges made it warmer

in the mountains, we suppose the railroads would then advertise them as winter resorts.

We are too busy selling License Plates to give you much of a real good Fordette this time, look for the next one.

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Knox Hardin, one of our star salesmen, sold five cars in one day this week. Very good for Knox.

CHAS. L. ESKRIDGE Authorized Lincoln Ford — Lincoln Fordson Sales and Service. SHELBY, N. C.

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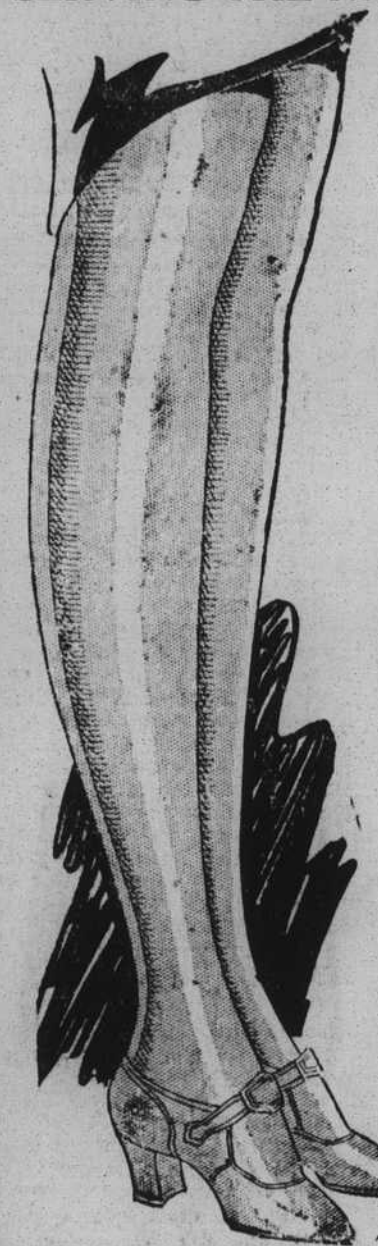
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