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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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1927

TWINKLES

Speaking of a noise that indicates an oncoming groan how's this in today's Star: "Will Hear Complaints Monday On Tax Assessments"?

In Shelby now when you call the hello girl and ask what time to set your dollar special she's likely to fall back on an oft-used expression, "Line busy."

Another headline in our favorite tri-weekly tells us "Tags Go Fast." Yes the speed limit in North Carolina has been advanced to 45 miles per hour—if you get us and the speed cops fail to get you.

Shelby people, for the most part, the news reporters find, remained at home and enjoyed a quiet Fourth. Reading many tragic headlines, on the morning after Ye Paragapher believes theirs was the safest and sanest of all.

Lady Nancy Astor knocked 'em wobbly-kneed again the other day over in England. This time she said, "Mother Eve Was An Angel Compared With Adam." Yet that pesky snake clipped the wings of both.

PULLMAN AND ADVERTISING

When the controversy over bus lines came up in this state between the Seaboard railroad and private bus interests there was much debating, particularly in this section, about the service and publicity the railroad would give the section west of Charlotte to Asheville if the bus privileges were secured from Rutherfordton, the road terminal. There were those who said "the Seaboard will not put on any Pullmans through Shelby and on west. They will not advertise this section."

However, we consider it worthy of passing note that the formal announcement of the first regular Pullman service for this section says that it will begin on Saturday, July 9. Such service to the section should be of benefit to Cleveland Springs in passing on the major benefit to the resort enterprises more to the west of us. Likewise, it is noted that the daily newspapers are carrying advertising that pictures and boasts the resort country of Western North Carolina, particularly that of the southern part served by the Seaboard.

All of which, from the booster's standpoint, is advantageous to this section.

THIS COTTON ACREAGE

We wonder, being in the center of a cotton county, if cotton acreage elsewhere this year is like unto the cotton acreage of Cleveland county.

It was not so many weeks back that farm leaders, agricultural experts, and the departmental boys who give out the so-called statistics, made it known that the South this year wouldn't flood the world's cotton market as the Father of Waters flooded the Mississippi valley area. Cotton acreage this year has been reduced from 10 to 25 per cent in the South, they said. Hereabouts we heard the same opinion. From the way of Raleigh came the word that North Carolina's acreage in cotton had been cut down "at least 10 per cent." This paper, in compliance with a custom of giving out news of particular interest to its readers, gave out the news of the cotton acreage reduction. And as the prophecies, predictions and statistics kept coming in the paper kept giving the "dope" out. It was cheering in a way. Still there were times when we wondered how a farm people accustomed for ages to looking for a goodly amount of cash about ginning time—and usually in need of that cash—were going to get along with the hundred dollar checks from the cotton buyers cut down to \$94. Of course, in a way, we could understand with less of it more money would be received. Then one day along came one of the papers friends who has a disconcerting habit of thinking without being influenced by sentiment and imagination. He tells his thoughts and opinions just as frankly. The opinion he gave out that day was this: "All this talk and statistics about reduced cotton acreage is the bunkum. It gives me a pain like unto that of Barnum's petrified man and bearded lady. Out in Cleveland county they (the farmers) are planting cotton again. Don't believe they are not. And in planting things sectional farmers have a habit of being alike and I believe they are planting cotton just about as much as ever, if not more, all over the cotton sections."

It was disconcerting, his thought. He's a disconcerting fellow, as has been said. Yet were not all the statisticians, educated in agronomy and such, and mathematics as well, and paid to be observant also, saying the acreage had been, and was reduced?

Then this week the county agent here and several farmers, who "know their onions" and other crops as well, suggested that Cleveland county has just about as many acres in cotton this year as last. Occasionally the whisper crept in that "maybe more acres are in cotton this year."

It cannot be, though, that the statisticians have erred for the State and South generally. Maybe Cleveland county just pulled one of its surprises. Still we cannot help but wonder and watch for the next ginning reports. Then we'll know whether or not the statisticians know anything about cotton, even to giving out the exact dope on crop prospects so as to give the market fluctuations, or, on occasions, flux.

ALONG COMES A HERO

In this task of enforcing the law heroic deeds seldom bob up to fire the imagination of the public and instead the job is one of routine in catching and convicting violators. The ordinary sheriff and the men who serve under him usually get mentioned in the news stories with the dull line at the bottom: "The capture was made by So-and-So." If the violator or the criminal gets away criticism is heard; if captured little thought is given to the captor. Day in and day out officers—of the best type—go silently about their duties, mingling with criminals, and nabbing fellow men who have slipped. A task that is not pleasant always.

Yet occasions arise when some crime, or some criminal, so heats the public fury and fires the imagination that the capture of the criminal brings renown to the captor. These cases are rare. However, practically every county in the state can point to some officer who has behind him a record of capturing a dangerous criminal by which that officer be-

came a hero in his community. Up around Morganton, as we get it, Burke county now has such an idol in the making in the person of Commodore Burleson, the fellow who shot it out with Broadus Miller, the negro clubber.

It is infringing on the rumor and undercurrent whispers of another section, but local people who hurriedly motored to Morganton last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of seeing the dead negro and his captor, bring back the tidings that here and there through the crowds could be heard the words "Let's make Burleson sheriff next time" and "He'd make a fine sheriff." As we remember it by the news dispatches Halliburton is the sheriff of Burke, and the same news dispatches gave the indication that he worked hard and long to effect the capture of his county's most notorious criminal. Yet as fate will have such things—Kismet, the Orientals say—Halliburton did not make the capture. Burleson no doubt worked just as hard to get Miller and it fell to Burleson's lot to get him. Judging from the set face we see of Burleson in his photo it is to be supposed that he would make a fine officer. Yet the thought that we attempt to present is that the officer who has been arresting men and seeking out minor criminals did not happen to be the one who caught the criminal firing public fury. Heroes, as we stated before, seldom enter in the some times disagreeable task of law enforcement and when they do the hero isn't necessarily the fellow who has been plugging along with the minor details and the steady grind of day after day of criminals and courts. Of course, though—and credit must be given to the hero when he comes along—a few elements are necessary when he does show up: He must have nerve, be at the right spot at the right time, and most important of all be the winner.

Burleson was in Burke county. Whether or not he some day becomes sheriff of Burke remains to be seen.

KINGS MOUNTAIN NEWS

MRS. W. K. CROOK, Reporter.

Items Of News Will Be Appreciated — Telephone 177 —

(Special to The Star.)

The Legion auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. C. E. Carpenter, at her home on Gaston street. The living room and dining room were thrown en suite and tastefully arranged with baskets of garden flowers. Mrs. B. F. Ormond, the new president, presided and the meeting was opened with prayer by the chaplain, Mrs. E. L. Campbell. Mrs. E. L. Campbell was elected to attend the state convention which is to be held in Washington, this state. The hostess assisted by Miss Margaret Neisler and Miss Fanny Carpenter served a delicious ice course to the following members: Mrs. B. F. Ormond, Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Mrs. Sump Ratteree, Mrs. Lee Logan, Mrs. W. L. Souther, Mrs. P. D. Fulton, Mrs. J. M. Rhea, Mrs. Charles Warlick, Mrs. P. G. Ratteree, Mrs. J. B. Keeter.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrison have had as their guests, Mrs. F. J. Wiley and Miss Kate Wiley, of Fayetteville, Tenn.

Miss Iva Lineberger who has been in Barton, Fla., since last fall has returned home.

Mrs. O. C. O'Farrell was in Charlotte Tuesday shopping.

Mrs. Mauney Entertains Mrs. W. K. Mauney was the most charming hostess to the membership of the Adelphean club and a number of invited guests Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at her home on Piedmont Ave. The living room, sun parlor and porch were attractively arranged with garden flowers. Mrs. D. C. Mauney presided and Mrs. Annie Dilling was in charge of a program on the Southern writer, Joel Chandler Harris. Mrs. J. C. Mason, told something of his home in Atlanta, "The Wren's Nest," one of his Uncle Remus selections was beautifully given by Mrs. E. W. Neal. A vocal quartet composed of Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Mrs. E. W. Neal, Mrs. A. H. Patterson and Mrs. Annie Dilling sang a negro spiritual.

Mrs. Neal gave two other of Mr. Harris selections and Mrs. J. E. Herndon charmingly rendered a vocal solo "Mammy," by Harriet

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Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Grimes visited relatives in High Point last week.

Miss Willie Plonk and Master Martin Luther Harmon, who are attending "The Southern Workshop," at Asheville spent the week end at home.

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Ware. The program was concluded by a poem, written in memory of Joel Chandler Harris, read by Mrs. Annie Dilling. Rook was then played at seven tables. After a number of progressions the hostess, assisted by Mrs. D. C. Mauney, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, sr., Mrs. R. L. Mauney and Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour served delicious salad and ice course to the following: Mrs. R. C. Baker, Mrs. O. B. Carpenter, Mrs. E. W. Neal, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Mrs. Annie Dilling, Mrs. Clarence Cornwell, Mrs. A. H. Patterson, Mrs. J. G. Hord, Mrs. S. A. Lowry, Mrs. Arthur Hay, Mrs. O. C. O'Farrell, Mrs. J. C. Patrick, Mrs. J. C. Mason, Mrs. W. F. Thomson, Mrs. Harry Falls, Mrs. C. E. Carpenter, Mrs. Dane Rhyne, Mrs. J. R. Davis, Mrs. W. K. Crook, Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Mrs. N. F. McGill and Mrs. E. W. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomson spent the week-end at Bon Clarcken with Mrs. Thomson's mother Mrs. Cora Dilling Hunter and Mrs. Mollie Falls at their cottage.

Mrs. E. W. Neal and baby spent the week-end at Bon Clarcken with Mrs. Neal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Galloway, sr., at their summer cottage.

Officers at Boone.

On Saturday night June 25, 1927 the Sunshine club of the Appalachian State normal school met and

selected the following officers: President, Miss Brite Wells; vice-president, Miss Verie Randle, secretary, Miss Johnnie Maie McBrayer, treasurer, Miss Piccola Bialock; chaplain, Miss Ruby Helms; social committee, Miss Estelle Walker, Miss McBrayer and Miss Bessie Hill.

MORGANTON ATHLETE KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Morganton, July 5.—Herman "Bill" Noggles, local athlete, died in Grace hospital at midnight Monday from injuries received yesterday when the automobile in which he was riding with three friends ran off Highway No. 10 while the party was on the way to a baseball game at Valdese. The others in the car also suffered injuries.

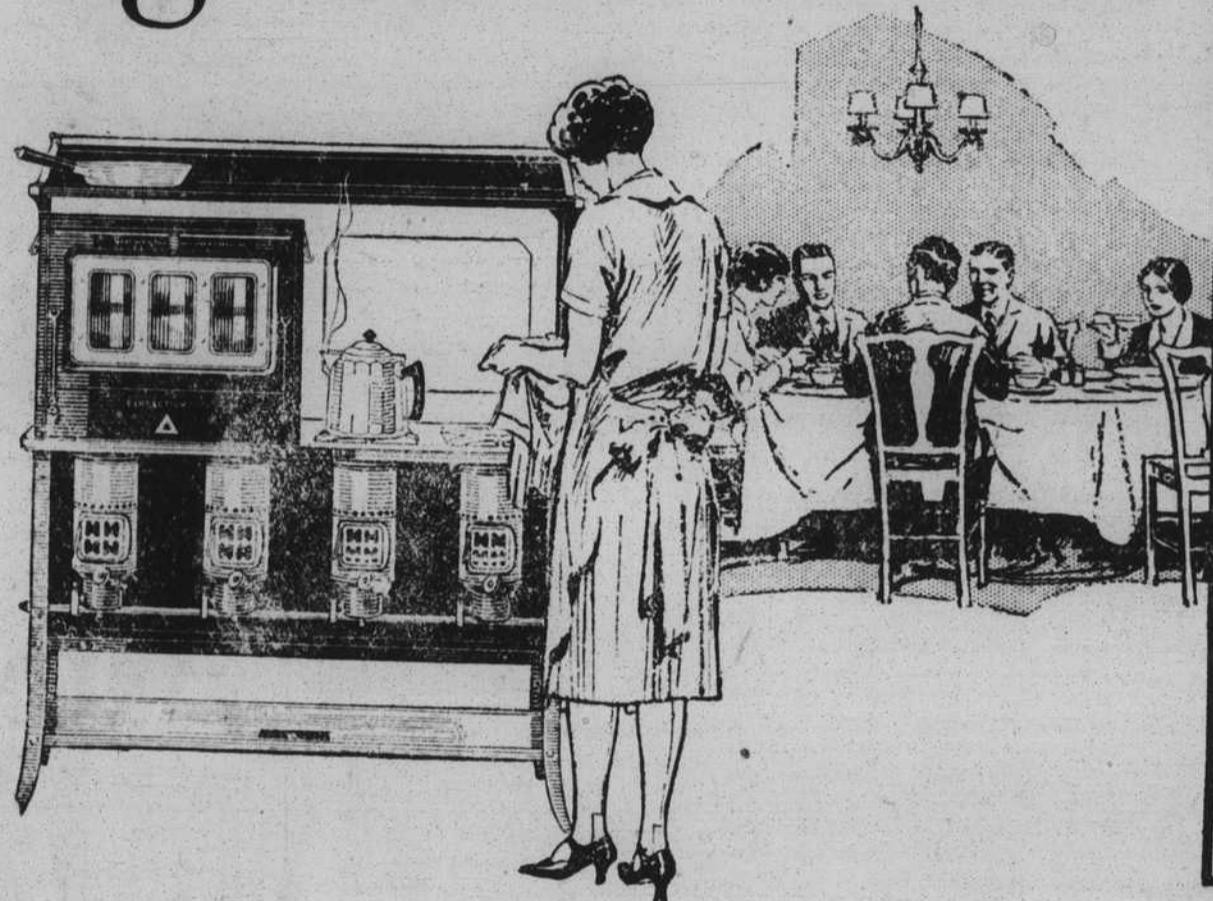
ICE CREAM SUPPER

AT BEULAH CHURCH The Ladies Aid society of Beulah church is going to give a play entitled "An Old-fashioned Mother" Saturday night July 9th, beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

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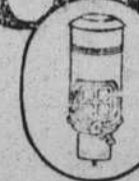
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