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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

This young generation should spell it "gineration."

The big operators are not the only ones who sell cotton short. What about our ladies' ready-to-wear dealers?

Chicago isn't so heartless despite all the gun battles one hears of. A million dollar home is to be erected there for homeless and jobless of all creeds.

Congressman Bulwinkle appeals for a stronger national defense with a better army, more adequate navy and improved air equipment. Still we believe if the next war is a war of the air, America ought to win. What country is better equipped with hot air?

It is interesting news that the Red Cross chapter here has been reorganized and is planning active work. Now it is to be hoped that this group, or some other, will see that Santa Claus visits many a poor home where he would not otherwise call.

Now we understand why the Greeks come over here and operate cafes instead of remaining at home and trying to be president. They may get bawled out occasionally for turning 'em over when they were ordered "straight up," but that's not half so bad as being president and getting filled with lead.

In Cleveland county schools where an eight months term is held the children recently returned to school after a period of suspension in which they helped pick the big cotton crop. In that period it is estimated that the children saved \$15,000 for their parents by their cotton picking, but will be able to attend school a full eight months with school running a little longer in the spring, or starting a little earlier in the fall. What better proof could be asked to show that a farm county is not handicapped by an eight month school?

MEBBE, AND MEBBE NOT

Via The Hickory Record we learn that an observant political says that 90 percent of the leaders in Burke county are for Al Smith and that more than 50 percent of the leaders in Catawba county are also for the New York governor to be the Democratic candidate. With no intention of questioning the authority for the statement from our friend The Record we wonder a bit about the statement. The people of Cleveland county are in a general way very little different from those of Burke and Catawba—in religion, beliefs, tradi-

tion, ancestry, and view. In Cleveland The Star believes the opposite to be true from that credited to Burke and Catawba counties. Perhaps we are wrong, but if one must judge from what one hears we are right. Here as in Burke and Catawba there may be leaders who are for Al Smith and like so much for their followers to believe as they believe that they think the public as a whole feels the same way. It is not exactly right to say that a county has a certain attitude just because a few so-called leaders are so inclined. The people have their say after a certain length of time, and we will wait until that time to pass upon Burke and Catawba and their political beliefs. Meanwhile we just wonder at Al Smith's ability to keep us all wondering.

LIFE'S STORIES BEST

Just a few years ago Alfred Aloysius Horn was merely Trader Horn, a peddler on the Ivory Coast, a hawker of kitchenware, as the press agents say it. A most recent photograph shows Trader Horn parked amid luxury with an income of \$4,000 week. How was it done? One day Taylor Horn knocked on the back door of the home of Mrs. Ethelreda Lewis, South African novelist. Interested in a character the novelist got the old trader to talking. As he proceeded his story became more and more interesting. At the end she persuaded the old fellow—72 years of age—to write the story of his life in his own words. He did and today "Trader Horn," the story, is one of the best sellers in the book world.

Perhaps the thought is that this nothing more than a boost for a book. But it is more. In real life, about you each day, are stories, living stories, more colorful, more interesting and more absorbing than any ever imagined and transposed to the printed page. Few of these stories are ever related. Life is a big book in which are written countless thousands of stories more gripping and unusual than fiction. The story of Trader Horn was Trader Horn's own story and that is why the 73-year-old peddler is today living in luxury. Look at the life about you. It is interesting if you do not need some one to translate it for you.

GIVE THEM EIGHT MONTHS

The Star does not know just how Horace Grigg, county school superintendent, is going to find the sentiment of Cleveland county on the eight months school when he officially opens his campaign to advance the county's educational rating, but mark it down as a certainty that this paper will be in behind the movement when it does get underway.

It's high time—and has been—that a county considered a leader in agriculture and many other lines begins to think about the like training given its children. Not a single county in North Carolina with anything like the wealth of Cleveland county has a lower school rating. Not a single county in the state with anything near as much to boast of as Cleveland has to apologize for such an inadequate county school system as Cleveland must. In no other county in the state where the per capita wealth is near that of Cleveland has a child a poorer chance to secure an education.

That is plain talk. Rather tactless talk to permit the outside public to gaze upon, but it is true. Why not get out and admit it, and then improve the situation? Year after year Cleveland county pays out thousands and thousands of dollars for fertilizer to produce one of the largest cotton crops in the state, yet out in many of the rural districts the children who help make this big cotton crop do not have the privilege of attending school more than six months in the year unless they come to Shelby or go to one of the big consolidated schools in the county. We build roads, bridges fine homes, and buy automobiles and radios, but still we are content to let many of our children stay in school only six months in the year.

Twenty years from now where will the paved roads, steel

bridges, fine autos, and radio-equipped homes be? And just the same score years ahead how do you think the men and women of that day will look back upon the money spent? Which will mean more to them—The education they might have had with which to face life, or the antiquated radio, the worn-out motor car, the dilapidated home, and the same barren outlook on life as you faced when a youth?

The major disgrace about the whole affair is that Cleveland county can well afford an eight months school in every school house in the county. There will be those who will yell "Oh, the expenses will break us up. We just can't afford it." Yet, if you'll notice, those same folks will manage somehow to scrape up enough money to buy a new automobile tire, a battery for the radio, a new roof for the hen house, and a new coat of paint for the dwelling house. Still they can't afford to give their children a fair shot at life along with the majority of the children in North Carolina.

Cleveland county, the most boosted and biggest boosted county in the state, is so near the bottom in school ranking that it may tumble off the lower end of North Carolina's poorer counties some of these days. Day and night we talk of our culture, our building record, our cotton crop, our leaders in civic, political and financial life, yet each morning, for half of the calendar, we turn our back on scores of youngsters wending their way to a one-horse school that has open doors only six months in the year.

Finally, we believe when it comes to a showdown Cleveland county will go on record for the long term. The showdown is the thing.

Alibi Al Sees
No Upsets In
Coming Games

Thinks McDowall and Ten Wolves
Will Trounce Wildcats, Some
Dope on Coming Events.

Well, it's another week on the calendar for Alibi Al, and a week with a bad taste for it is the week of bill collectors evening up October scores. Despite this financial crisis Al has a few football winners to mention and an alibi or so to fall back upon.

Al can develop more alibis than a college girl can dates, but when it comes to a showdown Al can pick winners with any of 'em. If you do not believe it look over the picks made by The Star's demon depester for this week and then watch the scores.

Just like it was a pain last week to pick a winner in the State-Carolina game it is going to be tough to tell all these old Wake Forest grads hereabout that Furman will lick the Deacons, yet we have a consolation for the loyal Baptists if they care to pull up a chair and

listen The consolation is this: WATCH NEXT YEAR'S WAKE FOREST ELEVEN. For once Wake Forest has found itself able to use that barber college cry of State and Carolina, "Next—Next year." What we mean to say is that Wake Forest has a freshman football team this year—that is a team. Handing the backfield is a youngster named for the banjo-faced fellow on the comic strips, Moon Mullins by name and this same Mullins was all-American prep school quarter for two years. Along with the youngster on the team are numerous Oak Ridge stars of other days and scintillating players galore. Keep this mum, but Hank Garrity never attracted such a galaxy of stars in his entire life. Ralph Gillespie, former Shelby star, is doing well to make the third fresh man team, which may give you an idea. The speedy Art Hord, of Kings Mountain, is a substitute on the first outfit—so George Blanton, Olin Hamrick, Durham and George Moore and the rest of the loyal boys may stand by and wait another autumn. Meantime if you care to take a chance put up your wad that Wake Forest will likely throw the hooks in Carolina again next year—that is, if those boys return.

As for Carolina, there is some hope provided the university follows the plan suggested for Yale and decides not to have anything but an amateur coach next year. At this juncture Al prods his typist in the ribs (if he was a her, Al might have necked her instead) and informs that it is his business to predict football outcomes and not to encourage old grads by discussing next year's prospects. So, we'll

Wall Reunion To Be Held At Henric

The following is a complete program for the Wall reunion at Shenandoah Baptist church near Henric, Saturday November 5th. Band is being furnished by Mr. Hayes for his respect and effort he has for the Wall family. 10 a. m.—Song service, by J. Robinson. 10:20—Piano solo by Miss Lucille Wall, Henric. Quartet High School boys. Devotional—E. F. Wall, Chesapeake. 10:40—Duet by Misses Ima Imora Robinson, Mooreboro. Brief History of Wall Family by Bess Wall, Mooreboro. 10:55—by Mrs. Bert Moore. Forest 11:10—Sermon, "Redeeming the Well" by Dr. Zeno Wall, of S. 12—Song by congregation. 12 p. m.—Music by Childe Shert talks.

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