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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.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2, 1927.

TWINKLES.

Among other signs of prosperity Ye Twinkler hears that 'possums are plentiful and "you can kick up three rabbits in nearly every brush pile."

Well, it now seems that among other things Shelby will not find in the municipal stocking Christmas morn will be a recall.

Now that the logs have been taken from the sides of the highways isn't there some way to get the fool drivers off the highway itself?

Things are picking up: The recall is over, that new auto has arrived along with price announcements, and it is only 23 days until Christmas.

"Criticises Exposing of Knees," reads a headline, and if the article is read it will be found, as was expected, that the critic is of the knee-exposing sex.

America's culture must be improving, due to Chicago's mayor, Rupert Hughes or some one. Just think of the editorials you haven't read this year about writing it "Xmas" instead of "Christmas."

Shelby gave a goodly sum to the Christmas Charity Fund last year with 11-cent cotton prevailing. And if cotton has anything to do with it—and it has in Cleveland county—the charity fund should be nearly double this year. Have you contributed.

TWINKLES

Since Mayor Big Bill of Chicago is offering \$10,000 for a 100 per cent American history we suppose such legends as that about the Catawba Indians finding the mineral water at Cleveland Springs while chasing a deer will be included in the history Chicago will get.

DO NOT PUT IT OFF

As you perhaps have noticed, contributions are already coming in for Santa's Stocking, or The Star's Christmas ties for the unfortunate homes of Shelby and presenting Fund. This money is to be wisely applied to buying necessities in the nature of gifts on the big morning of the year—Christmas morning. There are very few people in Shelby in fortunate circumstances, we hope and believe, who will not feel inclined to give to such a worthy cause, but the big trouble to be experienced in making it a real Christmas fund will be the putting off of the giving. Many people will say: "I am going to help out in that" and then let the matter drop from their minds. It isn't so long any more until Christmas. Do not keep putting it off until the joyous season is here and gone. Give today. It may be a small gift, or a large gift—that feature doesn't matter. It's the giving spirit that counts and the good the giving will do.

Help fill Santa's stocking.

LLOYD GEORGE UP AGAIN

A special feature article in daily papers headed "Lloyd George's Star Rises Once More" must have created a bit of interest—and, surely, a bit of joy—in the minds of those who recall easily the days of the World War. Days when the English leader was rated as one of the "Big Four," who, according to the writer, "led a shattered world through victory to an uneasy peace." As those familiar with recent history will recall Lloyd George along with Woodrow Wilson and others of the Big Four fell from what was near absolute power and the heights of popularity into comparative obscurity. History, which usually comes along after hatreds, enmity and jealousies are forgotten, will record few men in the World War period equal to Lloyd George and Wilson. The latter, weakened in his fight for life by the cuts of his fellow-countrymen, cannot again ascend the heights in mortal affairs, but many there will be to rejoice if Lloyd George's star really is rising again.

FARM MORTGAGES

A right interesting story, especially for a farming section, comes out of Raleigh about mortgaged farms in North Carolina. According to figures compiled by a State College professor of journalism, there are less mortgages on North Carolina farms than in any state in the union except two. These two, incidentally, are Virginia and West Virginia.

At first blush the statement is somewhat surprising. A perusal of the survey by the professor reveals that the information was secured from figures up to the first of January, 1925. Somehow we are pessimistic enough to believe that there has been a change since. Eleven-cent cotton has had its day since that period, and if other sections of the state experienced the conditions of Cleveland county—and we have no reason to believe that Cleveland county is not as prosperous as any farm county in the state—mortgages on farms must have increased considerably since 1925. Not quite a year ago this paper expressed worry at the number of farms being mortgaged due to the low price of cotton and wondered at the time just what percent of the farms in Cleveland county were really owned by the farmers. Still it is to be hoped that the college professor's figures hold good as yet.

By his figures only 19 and a fraction percent of the farms values in North Carolina has encumbrances, while over the nation as a whole 31.5 percent of the value of farms is mortgaged. He found also that the farms in Southern States were far less heavily mortgaged than those of the great grain states of the middle west.

This is a condition for farmers of this state to well be proud of and this year with a little better price for cotton and other crops farmers who were forced to make mortgages last year should pay them off, or at least part of them, so that another lean year would not keep adding to the mortgage. A farmer always figures on operating on the one-year debt plan, but when it is carried over and added to each year it becomes dangerous.

YOUNG FOR PRESIDENT.

Off and on since the next president and Al Smith have been the big conversation topics mention of Owen D. Young has crept into the Smith ballyhoo and criticism. At times in months past it seemed as if Young would really gain the limelight of popularity that is necessary when a political party must make its candidate known to the voters, but in a week or so the talk would revert to "Al is the only one" and "Al is impossible." It is a settled fact that the Democratic party with its present strength cannot run in a minute-man and expect to win. A dark horse may go over in a primary, but, if you care to check the records, it is seldom that the party not holding the whip hand can elect a dark horse. Therein lies the apparent weakness of the oncoming Democratic campaign. The party is undecided itself. During the recent week the Young-for-President talk seems to have gained momentum. Here and there Democratic papers have taken up the cudgel for Young and it appears that the Young movement may reach the crest and remain there long enough to attract general public favor. If it is to catch the public eye, however, it should not lag next week as has been the custom in the past. Picking up a boom and boosting it for a week and then dropping it merely passes away the time before another Republican president is elected.

Young's recent rise in favor brings the following comment from The Charlotte Observer:

The New York Times makes carefully studied approach to admission that its distinguished fellow citizen, Owen D. Young, might develop as "the logical" leader for the Democratic hosts in 1928. It has been made aware of the enthusiasm aroused among the folks down in Alabama because of his recent visit when he dedicated Jordan Dam, and it manipulates the laudatory expressions by The Birmingham News to its own felicitous satisfaction, cautioning that this pronouncement by the Birmingham paper, in harmony with the position taken previously by Senator Glass, "ought not to be thought to indicate a strong movement to bring about the nomination of Owen D. Young." The Times looks upon it as "but one of several isolated expressions in his favor." But, The Times liberally admits, "it does show that the Democratic party is not shut up to one man. It has available talent in reserve, and, if it should be necessary to call upon it, no name would be more appealing and commanding with Democrats who think about the country and the presidency in the largest terms than that of Mr. Young." We are coming along. After a while the country may be brought around to the conviction that after all, there are other possibilities than Al Smith.

NORTH CAROLINA RANKING HIGH IN CROP VALUES NOW

State Stands Sixth In Nation In Agricultural Values. Farm Crops Vary Much.

Raleigh.—North Carolina ranks sixth in the nation as an agricultural state with crops produced in 1925 values at \$37,682,000, according to Park Mathewson, statistician of the department of conservation and development, who has completed a tabulation of the state's farming resources.

The survey shows that North Carolina crop valuation of last year surpassed those of New York, \$285,516,000; Pennsylvania, \$280,900,000; Ohio, \$300,000,000; Indiana, \$225,000,000; Michigan, \$250,000,000, and Wisconsin, \$301,000,000, and was exceeded only by Texas, Iowa, California, Illinois and Kansas.

North Carolina's farm crops vary from small grains, buckwheat, potatoes, and apples of the high cool altitudes to the cotton, tobacco, velvet beans, sugar cane, and peanuts of the low warm coastal belt. 235 bushels of corn and three and one-half bales of cotton per acre have been produced in the state.

Western North Carolina is the greatest undeveloped apple-growing region in America. North Carolina apples have excelled at national apple shows. With care they grow perfectly in most counties of the state.

Eastern North Carolina has 3,350,000 acres of fertile swamp lands, only about one-fifth of which has been reclaimed by drainage and developed into two crop, black, corn land.

North Carolina produced more pounds of tobacco in 1927, this year, than the next three states, in rank of production, combined.

LIFE PRESIDENCY FOR COOLIDGE IS SOUGHT

Sudbury, Mass.—Double the salary of President Coolidge and re-elect him for life. This is the policy voted by the first republican town committee in Massachusetts to take action on the candidacy of Mr. Coolidge in 1928.

Undaunted by the coolness recently shown at the white house towards those who are agitating for the renomination of the president, the Republican town committee has voted not only to support Coolidge delegates to the Republican national convention next year, but to promote a life presidency for Mr. Coolidge. The vote was 6 to 1.

DISOLUTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that W. J. Jones and J. E. Burke, trading as the Elizabeth Brush Company, in the town of Shelby, N. C., have dissolved partnership, the said W. J. Jones having disposed of his interest in the said firm. Notice is therefore given to the general public that W. J. Jones will not be liable for any debts or obligations made or contracted by said Elizabeth Brush Company on and after the date mentioned below.

This the 23rd day of September, 1927.

W. J. JONES,
Retiring member firm, Elizabeth Brush Company. pd

George V of England is giving boys advice about choosing careers.

So far he hasn't suggested the king business.—San Francisco Bulletin.

The United States will build the world's greatest navy whenever somebody invents a gun that will shoot from the Coast to Kansas.—Portland Express.

TRUSTEE'S RE-SALE

By virtue of the authority vested in me in a certain deed of trust, executed by J. G. Navy and wife, S. A. Navy, to me, as trustee, to secure an indebtedness to B. F. Curtis, on the 21st day of August, 1923, and the indebtedness having been assumed by another, said deed of trust being recorded in Book 124, Page 69, of the Office of the Register, Cleveland County, N. C., and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness, thereby secured, and demand having been made upon me to execute the trust, I will sell to the highest bidder at the Court House Door in Shelby, on Saturday, December 17th, at 12 o'clock, or within legal hours, the following described real estate:

Being lots Nos. 2 and 3 on the South side of Oak street, as shown by the Plat of B. F. Curtis property, made by A. M. Lovelace, Surveyor, in June, 1925, said plat being recorded in Book of plats No. 1, Page No. 57, to which plat reference is hereby had.

BEGINNING at a stake in the South side of Oak Street and running thence S. 3 W. 174 feet, passing the corner of Lot No. 1 to a stake; thence with South lines of Lots Nos. 2 and of Lots Nos. 3 and 4, N. 3 E. 226 feet to a stake in the South side of Oak Street; thence with South side of Oak Street, N. 83.30 W. 100 feet to the BEGINNING, said lots having a width on Oak Street of 30 feet each, and 51 feet each at the back.

Terms of sale: CASH. The purchaser will have the option of paying off the balance of \$1200.00 due Shelby Building & Loan Association, or carrying the same to maturity. Bidding will begin at \$1902.00.

This 30th day of November, 1927.
B. F. FALLS,
Trustee. B-c

TRUSTEE'S RE-SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed on September 23rd, 1922; May 19th, 1923; August 3rd, 1923 and March 10th, 1925, by John Hoskins and wife, to me as trustee, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby to the Shelby Building and Loan Association, I, as trustee, will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction at the Court House door in the town of Shelby, N. C. on Saturday December 17th, 1927 at noon, the following described real estate:

These three lots lying in the town of Shelby, N. C., deeded to John Hoskins by R. L. Ryburn, commissioner, by deed dated September 23, 1922, the first of said lots lying on the north side of Pinkney street and being the lot deeded William Hoskins by A. L. Scott and wife by deed recorded in book CCC page 81, of the register's office of Cleveland county, N. C., the second lot being the lot deeded William Hoskins by J. F. Harris and J. M. Black by deed dated February 16th, 1918, and recorded in book DDD page 616 of the register's office of Cleveland county, N. C., said lot containing 2.20 acres, and the third lot being the lot deeded William Hoskins by B. O. Hamrick by deed recorded in book XXX page 187, of the register's office of Cleveland county, N. C., said lot adjoining the first lot aforesaid, all three of said lots being fully described by notes and bounds in the deed from R. L. Ryburn, commissioner, to John Hoskins.

Bidding will begin at \$1,560.00, the amount of the raised bid.
This December 1st, 1927.
CLYDE R. HOEY, Trustee.

KILLED HERSELF AFTER DESERTION BY HER PARAMOUR

Fred Brown Faces Trial On Charge of Illegal Relation With Woman

Fred Brown, of Warren county, faces trial in Raleigh Federal Court for alleged illegal relations with a woman who a moment before she killed herself after his desertion penned a note wishing him much happiness and asking him to do something for her three children. The tragic end of her life brought disaster to her brother also, and he is over at the State Hospital with mind shattered. Brown lies in Wake jail.

Not more than 35 years of age, Brown played his part in life's drama with poor grace, according to the government's contentions, for he deserted the mother and her three children at a tourist camp in Henderson after he had ridden with her to Georgia and back again in her automobile. They are spared the

tragedy of the drama, for relatives in Franklin county have made provision for their welfare.

Mrs. Shearin was her name and somewhere there may have been her husband, but it was Fred Brown who became her hero, according to the government's case. They traveled into Virginia, and there fell into the grip of the law, for she could not marry Brown. There was that other husband, and she wasn't sophisticated enough to get a divorce in the courts.

The judge of the Warren county court was lenient and let Brown off with a small fine upon condition that he go and sin no more. Then to Georgia he went and along with him or shortly afterwards went the woman who in her last moment of life wished for him much happiness. They lived together on a farm, it is said, and then one day they set out with the three children in Mrs. Shearin's flivver.

Life's hard battle grew too hard for Brown at Henderson, the government contends, and there he deserted the woman who was wishing for him only happiness and whose last thought was that he would do something for her three children. The little boy at her side saw her take down the gun and then she ended the agony of her soul.

MAN WILL SELL SELF INTO YEAR'S SLAVERY

Fort Worth, Texas.—An able bodied white man will be sold into slavery at a public auction on the lawn of Tarrant county courthouse. County authorities said they would not interrupt the action.

The man, Alexander Christian Maddox, 31, of Fort Worth, world war veteran, declared he was unable to provide food and clothing for his wife and five children and as a last desperate means of raising money intends to sell himself into a year's voluntary slavery.

Maddox, who was named Alexander Campbell after the founder of the Christian church, said that the only terms he will ask of his buyer is that the children be provided with the necessities of life. His master will have the right to impose any kind of work or hours upon him that his owner wishes.

In only a few days Campbell Department store will be moving to its new home; Wonderful opportunity awaits you at their great removal sale.

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THE SALE OF SALES

—Starts Monday, December 5th at The Paragon Furniture Co., Main Store, On The Square, ends Saturday, December 17. All merchandise and prices take effect Saturday December 3rd. Our store is looking its best; Christmas things on display. We're ready. Come folks to be with us every day. Special prices—wonderful displays, quality nature and furnishings. It will pay you to come miles and miles to buy from The Paragon—The Square.

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"Yes, especially at movies."

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THE PARAGON'S CHRISTMAS DRIVE IS ON

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—We received another solid carload of beautiful living room suites this week. These suites are exceptional values, rich in color, and most comfortable. We are showing now the largest assortment of living room suites we've ever shown. Make us a visit now and see these suites—At The Paragon.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

—you will find at The Paragon the largest and most useful assortment of Christmas gifts in Shelby. Just the kind of gifts that last and are remembered long after other gifts are gone and forgotten. Make your selections now have us to deliver later.

GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL ODD CHAIRS AND ROCKERS

—We have moved all our living room furniture to second floor and put on display hundreds or more odd chairs of every kind and description on main floor, rest room. See them. They make such wonderful Christmas gifts.

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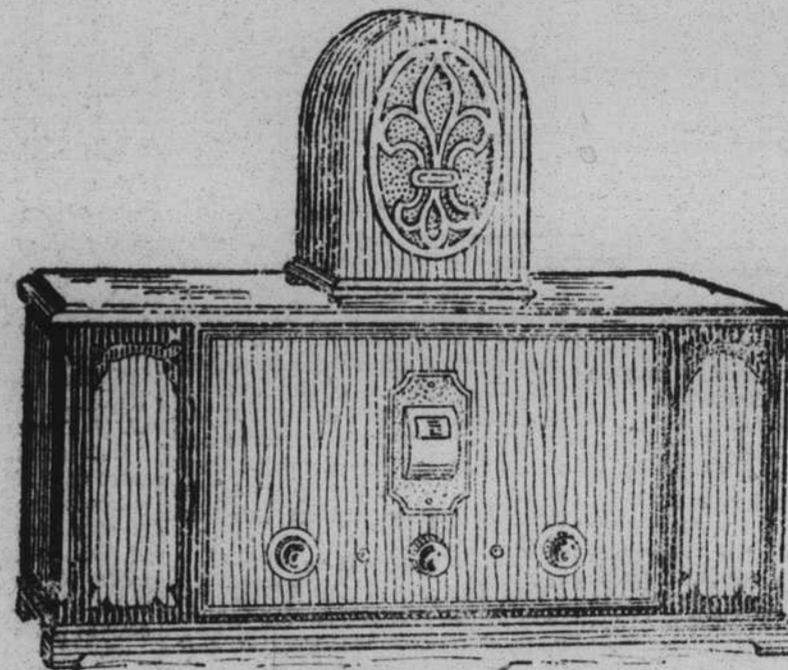
—During Dec. 5th through Dec. 17th we are offering special cash prices. We have gone through our stocks and priced hundreds of items for our Christmas Drive Sale.

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—Already we have sold several thousand dollars worth of furniture and other things which we are holding for future delivery. By Christmas we'll be holding lots more. You'll make no mistake buying here now. Buy now have us to deliver later. When you want it.

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—On The Square



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