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TWINKLES

Shelby still spreads.

The Florida state chamber of commerce in classing the recent storm there as a mere zephyr and a breeze should be ranked in the making of statements with North Carolina's proxy at Houston—the Hon. Frank Hampton who declared "Smith will be stopped."

Dr. W. L. Poteat has always held the respect and admiration of this paper, but we cannot understand, considering the "going-on" now, how he can see his way clear to predict that "universal brotherhood is not far distant." Still we have heard that a calm usually follows a storm.

"Anyway," says The Charlotte Observer, "we count the church, the party and the country fortunate if the debate is definitely off." The debate referred to is the Straton-Smith affair, and the Observer makes a wise observation yet it will be many years before the people will quit debating who would have been the biggest loser had the debate been staged—Smith, Straton, the church, the party, or the country.

It is nothing new for Shelby, or any other town we presume, to have a shortage of city water due to the lack of rain, but the fact that city water is scarce now due to too much rain flooding the pump station is a novelty. Perhaps if our latest edition of the chamber of commerce had not ceased to function months back we would be in a fair way of claiming a world record of some sort or another.

Chairman Odus Mull says that the executive committee meeting in Raleigh next week has only one important problem to attend to—the naming of a new national committeeman. But in the light of recent events we would advise our fellow townsman that there should be some importance in seeing that the new committeeman is suitably fitted up with a proxy-bearer well versed in politics and availability.

HEALTH AND LIVING

STATISTICS ISSUED by the United States Public Health Service show that women, more ailing than men, live longer than men on the average. In this instance the actual statistics may be seen in life. In our observation women who are sick more than men not only live longer than men but men who are sick usually live longer than men who are not. Such a statement perhaps sounds foolish, but look about you. Note the man who was afflicted with tuberculosis, while in the early stages, or some other disease or ailment, and if that man has been taking care of his health, as he should it will be seen that in advanced life he has more years before him than the apparently healthy man. The latter, feeling good and seldom ill, does not bother to follow rigid rules in protecting himself. Meantime he never learns to combat disease. When he becomes sick the illness is more liable to prove fatal than it would to the man who has built up his constitution to combat disease.

Many men, and women, expected to die early in life have outlived those who were in the "pink of health" when the former first became ill. Merely because they took care of themselves—a minor matter that the person in good health cannot be bothered with.

A NEW REASONING

ANY NUMBER OF REASONS and chain of facts have been advanced to show why Al Smith will be defeated in November but Spencer Murphy, writing in his column "Crossroads," advances a new one. According to Murphy the oldest basis of human estimate may prove the undoing of the New York governor—that being the law of averages.

By the law of averages the same thing cannot keep up forever and no man can win every battle. As Murphy sees it Smith is winning too consistently now to keep it up and defeat must be somewhere ahead. Since becoming a presidential candidate Smith has won one victory after another; everything he turns his hand to seems to turn out well for him. "Uncanny," says Murphy as he refers to the Straton-Smith clash in which the governor bested, as far as the public is concerned, the Calvary pastor.

"Victory after victory is pushing Al Smith on and on; but at the same time the law of averages may be storing up energy for a fatal victory," writes Murphy.

"I always like to see Smith come out on top in any dispute; but all of these preliminary triumphs are not going to be good for him in November unless a few defeats come along between now and then to satisfy that rule of humanity which decrees that every man has to lose sometime."

HOW SMITH STANDS

DURING THE PRESENT campaign Al Smith's stand on prohibition has been painted in numerous ways. One report will have it that the Democratic candidate favors the return of saloons, another that he wants beer and light wines, and still another that he wants neither but believes the prohibition laws as they are now have proven a failure.

With all the wet and dry controversy it is odd that Smith's own statement when he repealed the Mullan-Gage act has been presented to the public very little although it is the best of evidence as to how he stands on the liquor question. So comments the Richmond News-Leader in quoting Smith as follows concerning the act:

"With all the earnestness that I am able to bring to my command, let me assure the thousands of people who wrote to me on this subject . . . that the repeal of the Mullan-Gage law will not and cannot by any possible stretch of the imagination bring back into existence the saloon, which is and ought to be a defunct institution in this country, and any attempt at its re-establishment by a misconception of the executive attitude on this bill will be forcefully and vigorously suppressed."

"I yield to no man in my reverence and respect for the Constitution of the United States, and I advocate nothing which will infringe upon the provisions of the eighteenth amendment. It is, nevertheless, a fact that the definition of an intoxicating beverage contained in the Volstead act is not an honest or a commonsense one."

Continuing the News-Leader says:

"That language is explicit enough to admit of no cavil;

"The saloon . . . is and ought to be a defunct institution; I advocate nothing which will infringe upon the provisions of the eighteenth amendment." That was said on June 1, 1923, and it stands today, but it will be news to many people. It is not the kind of quotation that the enemies of Governor Smith care to circulate."

Business In Asheville Is Near Standstill Due To Heavy Rain

Asheville.—Counting its damage in the hundreds of thousands, the Asheville district Thursday was struggling to restore normal conditions as the flood waters that practically have paralyzed communication, traffic and business in general began to recede.

Industries and public utilities companies suffered most heavily from flood while the corn and small grain crop of the region was estimated to have been cut from a fourth to a half by the wind and rainstorms and swollen rivers.

The entire valleys of the Swan-

nanoo and French Broad rivers were under water Thursday morning. No trains were running, street car services were at a standstill, in certain sections there were no lights, the principal highways were blocked, half the long distance telephone lines were cut, and 900 Asheville telephone stations were reported in trouble Thursday morning. The city department of public works was swamped by calls from every section of the city where basements and first floors of homes have been swept by the excess surface waters which the inadequate storm sewer system failed to carry off.

Old Baptist Church Did Not Allow Members Much Gayety

Three-Forks Oldest Church West Of Blue Ridge. Started In Last Century.

The homecoming meeting recently of the Three Forks Baptist church, oldest church west of the Blue Ridge, brought together some of Watauga's oldest citizens and recalled to mind that at a time when there were no courts and no officers of the law in this section, a little log church on the banks of New River was the one great moral force that stood as an outpost of civilization on a mountain frontier." Rupert Gillett writes in The Charlotte Observer.

Discussion by the older members brought forth reminiscences of the early times, when almost the only time the people of the mountains got together was at the Saturday meetings of the church.

They told of the famous revival meeting held by Larkin Hodges, a meeting that drew people from far and near. They came from Cove Creek, Shulls Mills, the Globe, Old Fields, and many another isolated community hidden in the inaccessible hollows of the mountains.

There were no roads, only trails, and the people came mostly on horseback, though many walked and some came in ox carts.

A Great Revival. Never before or since has a revival meeting awakened such enthusiasm in the mountains. For fifty additions were made to a church whose total membership did not reach that figure before the revival.

Some of the old people at the meeting could remember Reuben Farthing, one of the greatest preachers this county ever had. He was ordained by the Three Forks Baptists church about 1833, and for many years he rode the circuit, preaching at Cove Creek, the Globe, Beaver Dam and other communities that could be reached only on horseback.

Church Without Heat. In the rigorous winter weather of Watauga county, the congregations could not keep warm in such a building, and so they built a great log fire outside. They warmed themselves by this fire and then went inside and listened to the sermon as long as they could endure the cold, and then came out and warmed by the fire again. How the preacher kept warm is not recorded, but those who remember the old style of preaching aver that the delivery of a sermon in those days involved enough exercise to keep anyone warm.

After the lengthy sermon was finished, the preacher had to be paid his fee. As there was no money in the community, he was given ten dollars worth of rye and went back to his own country.

Slow But Powerful. The growth of the church was very slow in the early days, but during the first quarter of the nineteenth century, according to the ancient minutes of the church, delegations from this church were sent to help organize churches at Cove Creek, Beaver Dam, the Globe, and Old Fields. These churches were then formed into the Three Forks association, which comprised all of Ashe county (then including Watauga) a part of Caldwell and a large section of Tennessee.

The church realized its power and exercised it, if the old minutes can be taken as an indication. Sister Eggers and Sister Miller got into some kind of neighborly altercation late in 1796, and the church decided that quarreling among members could not be tolerated and appointed a committee to call on the two ladies and try to patch up their difficulty. But the two quarrelsome sisters refused to be reconciled, and both were excommunicated.

One sister Comfort is said to have called a certain piece of cloth "crossbarred." Various good members of the church knew for a fact that the cloth was "tow-hinnen" and not cross-barred goods. Wherefore, Sister Comfort was called before the church tribunal on a charge of lying, and being convicted, was excommunicated.

The Boone Family. A certain Brother Parr was accused before the church meeting in December, 1801, of letting his children go naked and was called upon to "show us a cause" why such in-

decency was permitted. Apparently at the next meeting the cause was shown, for the minutes read "The matter being considered and he acquitted."

The longest quarrel between the church and any member seems to have been the one with Jesse Boone, nephew of Daniel, who lived on Boone's Fork, six miles from Blowing Rock. The quarrel began when Boone demanded that Jeremiah Greene removed a landmark. Greene refused, and for a long time the controversy ran on. Finally, a committee from the church and one from the Globe church met at Greene's home at Blowing Rock, just under the mountain that still bears Greene's name.

Jesse Boone refused to have anything to do with the two committees and declared that the church was out of order, which, presumably means that it had no jurisdiction in the case. The church suspended Jesse until he could give satisfaction for being so disrespectful.

An Irretractable Woman. It seems that Mrs. Greene went to Mrs. Boone to try to get their husbands together, but Sister Boone was no more tractable than her husband. She asserted, according to Mrs. Greene's report to the church, that she joined the church merely because her husband did, but there were "members in it she could not fellowship with." Sister Boone was declared a disorderly member and excommunicated.

The Boones remained unrepentant as long as they stayed in Watauga county. A later entry says that the matter of Jesse Boone being considered, he is considered "no longer a minkus us." After they had gone to McMinn county, Tenn., they seem to have tried to join a church there, for Mrs. Boone wrote back to the Three Forks church asking for a letter. The request was held over four months and then declined, unless Sister Boone "gave satisfaction."

Apparently she failed to do this for the letter is not mentioned in any subsequent minutes. Jesse Boone, however, tried also to get his letter, but he waited five years after his wife's attempt. In 1828, the church received a communication from McMinn county asking a letter for Jesse Boone. Very curiously the church declined to grant this letter, and that is the last of the Boones' connection with this church.

These are only a few examples of the many and varied offenses of which the church took cognizance. If a miller gave short measure, he was before the church tribunal to answer for it. If two young lovers spent the church hour walking along a shady lane instead of listening to the sermon, they had to explain at the next meeting of the church. Such activities of the church may not agree with our present-day notions of religious freedom, but they certainly exerted a strong influence for good.

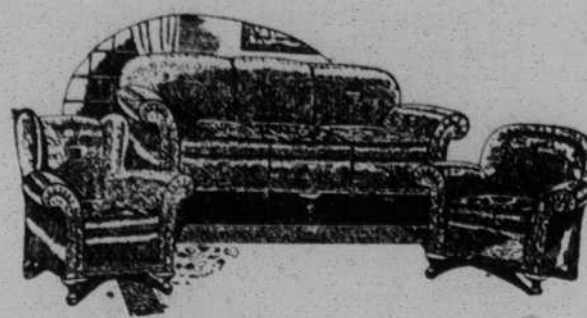
N. C. RANKS HIGH IN CIVILIAN-OWNED AIRPLANES

Raleigh.—North Carolina must give attention in the near future to state regulation of airplane traffic. Thorndyke Saville, chief engineer of the state department of conservation and development, said today in announcing figures showing that the state ranks 21st in the country in the number of civilian owned planes.

There are 38 planes owned by civilians, of whom 20 have been licensed by the United States department of commerce, he said. Ownership of airplanes by civilians in other southeastern states shows Virginia with 47, Georgia 44 and Tennessee 41. California has the greatest number of planes of all states with 639. Texas leads the south with 269.

Pull That Jaw In

Chicago.—Another pet belief has been exploded by science. It is the theory that a protruding jaw indicates pugnacity. "The fact that a man has a jaw like a mastodon," said Dr. Fred Fletcher, addressing the National Conference of Dental Technicians, "by no means implies that he is fearless or aggressive. The man with a squirrel-like jaw may be a stick of dynamite in comparison."



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