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## TWINKLES

Ask any owner of cotton mill stock about Coolidge prosperity. Then when he snorts wrathfully at you ask him if he has heard that Hoover would continue the Coolidge policies.

"Campaigns Are Not What They Used To Be," reads a headline in The Star. Perhaps they are not, but the only reason is that with all the paved roads there is not much mud to sling and an even filthier slime has supplanted the missing mud.

It's cotton picking time in Cleveland county now with the children in nearly every rural family out to break previous records for a day's picking. These records may not attain the publicity of football and baseball records, but consider their real worth.

When friends wanted Roosevelt to use the Catholic, or religious issue against President Taft, Teddy withered the advice with his scorn. Would that there were more Republicans and a few more Democrats of the Roosevelt calibre today.

It is quite a tribute the Yorkville Enquirer pays when it says that the remodelled Baptist church here will seat almost as many people as attend all church services in York. Incidentally, Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the growing church, predicts that the enlarged church will not hold all who pack about the doors for the first two services.

One of the fixed warnings about motor car travel is "never ride on the running board." A colored boy paid no heed to the set regulation the other night and the result is that he is through riding in motor cars—unless they have them in the next world. Might use the incident as a moral to your boy who rides the fender or hangs on behind as he speeds along on his skates.

Casey Morris' football eleven lost its major game of the year in Charlotte's victory, but about Shelby they will be talking of the game fight of Capt. Gold and his fighting teammates almost as long as they have talked those who in days gone by licked Charlotte. After all, performances like the Shelby captain put up, with all the odds against him, are what make football the popular game it is.

It seems about time for the slander-mongers in the Republican party and among the anti-Smiths to dig up another name for Clyde Hoey. He has smiled and passed on in his gentlemanly, Christian manner at the "pole-cat" taunt until the expression has outlived its usefulness—that is, if it was worth anything except to make more friends for Hoey and more enemies for those who stoop to such things.

## HICKMAN PAYS THE PRICE

HICKMAN, THE MAJOR criminal of the jazz age, is dead. From the outset it could not be doubted that he, because of the horrible features of his crime, could escape certain punishment. Yet we have seen justice lag along and side-step much in the manner of an elusive football half back so often that we, in our own brutality, have to admit that we were not exactly certain he would get what was coming to him until he did get it. May it be the lesson it should be to fast moving youth.

## POTEAT SPEAKS FORTH

DR. WILLIAM LOUIS POTEAT, president emeritus of Wake Forest college and one of the most brilliant educators of two generations in the South, says "the Church of Christ cannot enter politics."

The statement of Dr. Poteat, who gave the best part of his life to educating the Baptist youth, comes at a timely moment. In emphasizing his declaration he points out that Jesus Christ shunned such moves when they were advised to advance the religious kingdom.

Taking the church into politics is taking the church back to the day before Christ came to this world.

## HARKING BACK 10 YEARS

SUCH TOPICS in an election year, and many years after the public permitted their glory to dim, may not be so interesting now, but in many spots of the county, we believe, there will be those who will note with interest that on November 11, a bronze tablet will be unveiled in Shelby honoring the Cleveland county boys who died over there, and their pals who served with them.

It was a year or two back that The Star started a plea for a suitable memorial to those boys who gave their all. At the time there were visions of marble slabs and monuments on the court square. The appeal did not meet with the exact response anticipated, but that water has gone over the mill wheel. Next month, a handsome, bronze tablet, with the names of those who gave their all engraved thereon, will be dedicated on the Shelby court square. On the same day members of patriotic organizations in Shelby are planning

a big dinner and celebration for the four or five hundred ex-service boys yet living.

In the ten years that have flitted by since the memorable day, November 11, 1918, Cleveland county has not staged any major celebration of Armistice Day. Let us join together next month and make up for the days we have overlooked. What do you say?

## SMITH SENTIMENT GROWS

"Gov. Smith is gaining ground daily and has a stronger hold on the South now than ever before," is the statement to be heard on all sides. In our opinion, it is because the people only recently began to realize that there was nothing to all the slander spread about in connection with his name, and now they're going to vote for Smith because they know he is worthy of their vote, or they are going to vote for Hoover because they are for Hoover—not merely because they are against Smith as was the sentiment weeks back. Lies and mud-slinging may mislead a good portion of the populace for some time, but not for very long.

Will Cleveland county make more than 45,000 bales of cotton? You answer—The Star is merely recording the answers for reference when the final ginning report is issued.

## JONAS APPEALS TO LINCOLN

WE NOTE IN AN ADVERTISEMENT in a Lincoln county paper that Chas. A. Jonas, Republican candidate for Congress against Major A. L. Bulwinkle, pleads to the citizens of his county to vote for him regardless of party lines. Incidentally there is a line in the advertisement which reads: "If elected I will be the representative of all the people, and in the discharge of my duties I will know no party, no class, no faction . . . I ask the vote of every man without regard to party or creed." Without regard to creed—get that, if you please. Has not Mr. Jonas and members of his party tried to stir up opposition to a Democratic candidate because of his creed? Is not Mr. Jonas' party in its desperation resorting, as a last measure, to an attack on Alfred E. Smith's religion to keep him out of the White House?

Is it exactly fair play for an organization that attacks the creed of rival candidates to ask for support regardless of creed? Consistency, where art thou?

## ASBESTOS WRITERS

RIGHT FREQUENTLY some aroused citizen, angered over politics, comes in and asks for a piece of asbestos on which he, or she, may write a scorching denunciation concerning the views of some one else for publication in The Star. And just as often as they come in we take it upon ourselves to cool them down. At least we try to get them beyond their flare-up before they start writing.

One caller will want to "bless out" any and every voter who is for Smith; the next will want to do the same thing for the Hoover supporters, and the third wants to lambast anti-Smith Democrats, or Hoover Democrats, whichever they prefer to be called.

Perhaps there are those who wonder why we attempt to persuade these wrathful citizens not to deliver their scorches since the paper invites communications. We do invite letters to the editor, letters that speak of issues in sane, clear style, but we do not invite personal attacks, and slanderous remarks from one citizen to another.

Admittedly if all the hot letters, which the writers at first wanted published, had been published, The Star's circulation list might have increased by leaps and bounds for a limited time, for a big majority of readers seem to enjoy personal shots made at each other by citizens angered over politics. However, this paper is of the opinion that such mud-slinging, abusive tournaments are not good for the future of a community. After reasoning with many of the would-be writers they agree with us. At the time they may feel as if it will do them good to write a letter to The Star and "bawl out" some neighbor or friend who does not agree with them about the presidential election, but after thinking it over calmly for a moment or two they realize that in two weeks the election will be over and regardless of which candidate is elected he will be our President. But if such letters, as they at first desire to write, were written and published the wounds would remain open for many years; friendships that have lasted for decades would be torn asunder, and a chill, inhuman atmosphere would hang between neighboring homes.

Perhaps your neighbor or your friend does appear to you to be a "nit-wit" because he does not agree with you on political questions (and that statement applies to both Smithites and Hooverites), but in the heat of your difference with him be on the alert as to your talk, and particularly so as to what you write—because when it is down in black white it is there for the oncoming years to read. Murders are committed at moments when the temper gets beyond control; if all those in prisons and wrestling with mental anguish could have halted long enough to think sanely, how much better the world would be. Look across the street at your neighbor. Think of the many things you have had in common; of the times he lent a helping hand when there was sickness and death in your home, and of the times you have cheered him up when he was in sorrow and depressed. Would you, when you think it over coolly, break that neighborly, brotherly spirit, because of a political difference? Is it not best for you to go your way, and he his way for just two weeks longer, then be neighbors and friends again?

No, this paper might gain a few readers by encouraging the writing of personal taunts and jabs between brother citizens, but in passing up those few additional readers we might get, we proclaim proudly that we prefer to persuade them to think twice before writing anything that might become as a stone wall between neighbors, or make life-long enemies of the best of friends. Already there are men who have been friends for years who are now hating each other, and will be hating each other when three men have succeeded either Smith or Hoover in the White House.

Take your time in saying your say during the next two weeks. It is possible to boost and defend your candidate without knifing a friend. Why not do it that way, the gentlemanly way?

## Can It Be That All Are Hypocrites But Senator Simmons

Lexington Dispatch. Senator Simmons says that the Democratic party is waging a campaign of hypocrisy. Well, that is just his private opinion. He may be right, but as the Charlotte News believes, it may be just as reasonable to believe that such political leaders as Max Gardner, former Governor Morrison, Josiah William Baily, Clyde R. Hoey, Joseph Daniels, and others who are standing loyally to the Democratic party, are right and the senior senator wrong. Is it possible that all other great patriotic leaders of the Democratic party who are now standing loyally by the ticket, county, state and national, are all hypocrites and that Senator Simmons is the only one who has not bowed the knee to Baal? We hardly think so. The truth of the matter is that the senior senator is possibly just a bit too loyal to the power companies of this country. Indeed indications are that he is more loyal to his power friends than he is to the great party that has made him what he is today.

## Dixie, Watch Your Step!

(George Rothwell Brown in The Washington Post) Senator Simmons, who can't travel from Goldsboro in New Bern without getting his tires punctured on broken glass, chose an inopportune time to denounce Al Smith to the North Carolina dry for evading the liquor question in the South, at the very moment when the governor is discussing that burning issue of the day in Nashville. If Dixie slays the Democratic party in November in its own home the time will surely come when the people of the South in sackcloth and ashes will gather in their places of meeting and with tears and lamentations invoke the wrath of all the gods at once upon the heads of their false leaders. Let Massachusetts and New Jersey beat Al, Dixie—watch your step!

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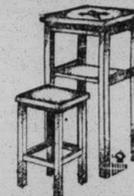
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