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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it 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, JAN. 2, 1929.

### TWINKLES

Correct this observation: All bill collectors on their rounds yesterday were greeted as follows: "Happy New Year old fellow."

It really is an ill wind that doesn't send a puff of good along for some one. We notice that several lawyers are getting a bit of publicity out of the horrible Vanderburg crime in Gaston county. If they want to put over the publicity stunt in big style, they should ask Clarence Darrow down to help defend the 17-year-old Vanderburg boy.

### STEADY COTTON INCREASE

TEN YEARS AGO, up to December 13, Cleveland county had ginned 21,797 bales of cotton. Five years ago the ginning to December 13 was 38,547 bales. This year to the same date 48,503 bales had been ginned. Which indicates that Cleveland farmers have been making a steady increase year by year—with more than a 25,000-bale gain in a ten-year period—and are not merely in an outburst this year in topping the state in cotton production.

### CLOSING THE SCHOOLS

THERE ARE STILL those in Shelby, street talk makes it appear, who believe the school board will find some method of running the Shelby schools for the full year. That was one of the big arguments in opposition to the tax levy prior to the election: "They'll find some way to run it if we show them that no more money is coming." The school board says the year cannot be completed upon funds available. So, it seems as if some one is to be shown.

### MR. FORD'S IDEA

HENRY FORD, taken to task by various people for remarking that a young man will never gain success by the simple process of saving all his money, insists, in a second interview, that he is right.

"A boy's job," he says, "is not to accumulate dollars, but to use them in preparing himself with the training, knowledge and experience which every leader needs. If a boy saves, it should be with some such expenditure in view."

We can't help feeling that Mr. Ford has hit the nail pretty squarely on the head. Getting money, after all, is not an end in itself for anyone but a sordid materialist. Wisely spent, money leads to a large, free life; carefully hoarded, it leads to parsimony and self-denial that cripple one's powers of appreciation and enjoyment.

### ON THE GOVERNMENTAL GRID

GOVERNOR-ELECT GARDNER in lining up his administration in the manner of a field general in football remarked to the gathering of legislators at the farewell banquet here that "some will run interference, others will carry the ball, and still others will do the blocking." Since government works in that manner we don't suppose it will be good football for Representative-elect O. M. Mull to carry the ball when the long term school idea comes up before the legislature—a back who doesn't think a gain can be made seldom gains. And meantime, we presume, the educators of the state will be looking to see who is doing the blocking when that particular play is called. Mr. Mull, remember, predicted that the legislature would not pass the eight months term bill.

### HOW BAD NEWS SPREADS

DILIGENT READERS of The Star no doubt noticed in Monday's issue a display advertisement boosting a nearby military institute, or preparatory school, with one of the lines reading "we will have a few openings for the term beginning January 2."

Perhaps many of those glancing at the advertisement took it as a casual newspaper advertisement of a preparatory school, but think a little longer and it might occur to you that the advertisement had some connection with recent events in Shelby. With the local school term curtailed below that required for standard high schools perhaps the officials of the preparatory school realized an opportunity when they saw it, believing that undoubtedly there would be people in Shelby who might want their children to receive a full year of schooling. Bad news spreads faster than good news. The preparatory schools may find a good field in Shelby.

### AND HOEY, TOO

IN THE LAST issue of The Star it was noted that the contributors of the "To-the-Editor" letters to daily newspapers of the state were still riding Senator Simmons. Since the matter has been brought up it is seen that they are also still riding Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby. The "they," of course, differ in each instance, presumably with the Smithites after Simmons and the anti-Smiths after Hoey.

In an open letter Sunday to the Greensboro News a writer, signing "Percy Liles, of Wendell," loosed a broadside in the direction of John W. Hester, of Durham, and in the broadside were the following remarks:

"I am neither a scholar or lawyer as he professes to be but he cannot divorce the Democratic party from the above organizations and marry it to Tammany hall, Raskob. Al Smith and his negro lovers up north, nor can he and his kind sell it out to the bootleggers, rum runners, the breweries

or the pope of Rome as he and Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby tried to do November 6. Now take some good common horse sense advice from a man that lives out in the sticks, sober up politically and be a true red blooded Protestant American. The Bible tells us that whom God would destroy he first makes mad and that is where you stand today Mr. Hester."

Anent that reference to Biblical destruction: Of course Percy, who finds time near two months after the election to say such nice things, isn't a bit mad—no, not a bit—and not being so is in no immediate danger of such destruction.

### NOT SPOKESMAN, BUT BRIEF

SOME WEEKS back Representative-elect Odus M. Mull, of this county, made the prediction that the next legislature would not likely look with favor upon a state-wide eight months school term. Immediately after the prediction became public knowledge the naughty Greensboro News immediately queried: "Is the voice of Mull the voice of Gardner?"

Whereupon it appears, from communication directed to the editor and appearing in the Greensboro paper, that Mr. Mull sat himself down and ended that matter with the following terse letter:

"Editor the Daily News:  
Question: 'Is the voice of Mull the voice of Gardner?'"

Answer: No.

Reason: It would be rank extravagance to make one out of this two, as I am sure Governor Gardner is individually full size.

O. M. Mull."

So, it seems as if Mr. Mull is going to be no "spokesman" at all for his friend, but if he were to be we would opine after reading the above letter that he would make a good one. He's a little more brief and to the point than the average "spokesman."

### GETTING US WRONG

THE HICKORY RECORD misinterprets us. Recently this paper wondered how the people of North Carolina would take it if Governor-elect Gardner had gone off on a long tour at the expense of the state as did President-elect Hoover at the expense of the nation. And anent that idle bit of curiosity The Record wrote: "The Shelby Star is one of those complaining about Mr. Hoover taking a good will trip with the government paying the bill." Continuing The Record wrote: "We were with The Star in opposing Mr. Hoover's election, but we cannot fail to admit the significance of an enterprise so far reaching as his Latin American trip."

To get ourselves straight, The Star has as yet to complain about Mr. Hoover's trip. As stated above we merely wondered how at-home taxpayers would take it if the governor-elect should try a similar stunt with them paying the bill. Fact is, in commenting upon the Hoover trip we said "we are rather in accord with the good will that should result from the tour." In our bit of imaginative supposition about the Hoover tour and a similar one for Gardner we merely attempted to paint the attitude of the average citizen regarding governmental expense. And tell us not that there would be no howl if a North Carolina official travelled about on the expense of the state, no matter how much good will resulted.

As for Mr. Hoover, we're for permitting him to get everything out office he can, honestly, for the toll the office of president takes, from our observation, it always more than it tenders.

## Something To Think About Touching On Speed

By Bruno Lessing

Sitting at a roadside and watching the automobiles whiz by. Gee whiz, how they whiz! None doing less than 30 miles an hour. Many stepping it up to 30. And some, when the cop isn't looking, getting away with 40.

If you were to walk along this same road it would take you from fifteen to twenty minutes to cover a single mile.

The automobile is certainly a wonderful contraption!

If you walk, however, you observe many details of trees and flowers and lawn and hill and dale and brook which the automobilist overlooks. And, if you meet people, you can pause to chat with them. The automobilist usually notices things a hundred yards after he has passed them. When it is too late to observe them closely.

All of which is perfectly o. k. "for them as likes it."

But, if you pause to consider a aspect of modern life, you will observe that most of us are traveling through our education, our reading, our enjoyments, our religions and, even our family life, in automobiles. Instead of walking.

We seem to have the speed mania. We travel rapidly and impatiently. It might be worth while to consider whether we are any better off at the end of the trip than we were at the beginning. Or, in other words, do we get anywhere?

To be sure, in an emergency it is a wonderful thing to annihilate space quickly. But does life consist of nothing but a series of emergencies? Must we eat in a hurry? Must we learn rapidly? Must we read quickly? Must we woo and wed in a rush?

Eating in a hurry produces indigestion. Attempting to learn rapidly ends in learning nothing at

all. Reading quickly prevents us from absorbing what we read and is, therefore, a waste of time. Wooing and wedding in a rush is accountable for many divorces.

To derive the fullest benefits of life one must acquire a certain sense of balance and of the proper proportion of things. Leisure is just as important as hurry and, as a general rule, is more beneficial and produces more lasting results.

Why not stroll leisurely through the field of learning and pause to master the details of the phenomena we encounter? Instead of trying to rush through in a high-powered car. Why not read good books, leisurely, and pause to think and investigate and check up? Instead of trying to cram the contents of a dozen books into our brains in a dozen days, on the basis of fifteen miles to a gallon.

And there weren't so many divorces in the days of the one-horse shay as there are in these rapid days.

Even if you have an automobile—and an automobile is a good thing to have—there is no reason why you cannot leave it in the garage once in a while and go on a "hike."

The curse of it all is that when we own a car we feel that we simply have to use it. We hate to leave it idle. We feel we are losing our money's worth.

That is sad reasoning. By abandoning the "hike," both literally and figuratively, we lose more than can be measured in terms of money.

The latest trouble of the former Kaiser is that his exuberant brother-in-law, Alexander Zoukoff, has decided to become a clown. It looks as if the new recruit of the family has caught the Hohenzollern yearning for the center of the stage—Manchester Union.

## INDUSTRIAL YEAR GOOD IN CAROLINA

Manufactures For 1928 Valued At \$1,155,000,000, New High Mark. Textiles One-Third.

Raleigh—Commerce and industry generally in North Carolina enjoyed a successful year in 1928. An inventory of the output of industry made by the department of conservation and development showed manufactures for the year were valued at \$1,155,000,000, a new high mark.

It was pointed out by the conservation department in making public the figures that the record was made in a year when some of the leading commodities of the state, notably standard textiles, were selling at a low price. Textiles, comprise nearly one-third of the state's total of manufactures.

Tobacco manufacture, principally cigarettes, made a new high record at over four hundred and thirteen million dollars. Among other leading industries of the state furniture ranked third with products valued at approximately \$54,000,000. Lumber values were about the same as

in 1927, a little over \$53,000,000. Fertilizer, flour and car construction were a shade off from 1927 while cottonseed oil, leather and printing and publishing showed substantial gains.

In raw materials, farm and mineral products were on the up-curve as were bank and capital resources. Expansion in present plants and adding of new industries greatly increased the state's potential manufacturing output during the year.

Resorts, recreation, hunting and fishing were extremely active with about one quarter of a million dollars paid for hunting and fishing license alone. Gasoline tax and license tax from the 500,000 cars in the state amounted to seventeen millions dollars.

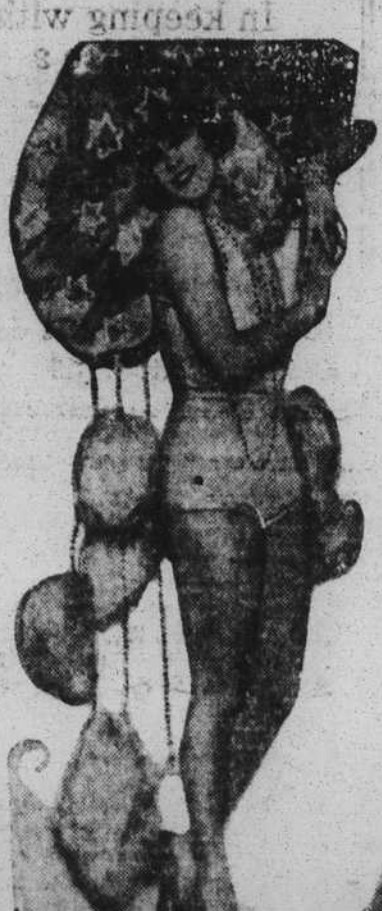
After a survey of industry, the department of conservation and development declared opportunities for new industries were numerous and favorable. In this respect it was pointed out that 73 leading commodities used in industries of the state were imported from elsewhere and that only 21 out of the 54 classifications in the textile field were produced in the state.

We owe a good deal to the Pilgrim Fathers, and the nice thing about it is that it is one thing we probably won't have to pay—American Lumberman (Chicago).

## Auction Sale Of Horses & Mules Shelby, N. C., Monday, January 7, 11:00 A. M.

We will sell at public auction a carload of Kentucky bred Horses and Mules. These horses and mules are from 3 to 7 years of age weighing from 1000 to 1250 pounds, are well broke and ready to go to work. This is your opportunity to buy exceptionally fine horses and mules at reasonable prices. We have sold hundreds of carloads to thousands of satisfied customers. Sale rain or shine.

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