

# SOCIETY

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News Items Phoned to Miss Roberts Will Be Appreciated

**Chicago Club Postponed.**  
The Chicago club scheduled to meet with Mrs. B. T. Falls Friday, has been postponed to a week later.

**Contemporary Book Club.**  
The Contemporary Book club will meet with Mrs. Al Bennett Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home on West Graham street.

**P. T. A. Meeting.**  
The Parent-Teachers association of the Marion street school will meet at the school building Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

**Thursday Afternoon Club.**  
Mrs. Charles C. McBrayer will entertain the Thursday Afternoon club Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home on S. DeKalb street.

**Social Calendar.**  
Tuesday 3 p. m.—The United Daughters of Confederacy will meet at club room. Mrs. Graham Dellinger, chairman of hostess committee. All members are urged to bring dues.

Tuesday 8 p. m.—The evening division of the Woman's club will meet with Misses Mamie Cabaniss and Elizabeth Roberts at their home on S. Washington street.

Thursday 3:30 p. m.—The afternoon division No. 2 of the Woman's club will meet at the club room. Hostesses: Mesdames Clyde Short, D. Z. Newton and George Vaughn.

**Mrs. J. J. McMurry Entertains Bridge Club.**

Mrs. J. J. McMurry delightfully entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. W. McMurry on West Marion street. The most attractive place cards were used and duplicate bridge was played at three tables.

The high score prize was won by Mrs. Roy W. Morris, and the low score prize by Mrs. Willis McMurry.

The hostess was assisted by Miss Amos Willis, Mesdames A. W. McMurry and Tom Moore in serving a delicious salad course with accessories.

**Mr. and Mrs. Short Hosts Saturday Evening.**

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Short were hostess at a lovely bridge party Saturday evening entertaining at their attractive home in Belvedere Heights.

The five tables were graced with bowls of sweet peas. The high score prizes were won by Mrs. Jesse Washburn and Roger Laughridge, and the low score prizes went to Miss Nina Holt White and Horace Grigg.

At the close of the games Mrs. Short was assisted by Mesdames Ed Post, Roger Laughridge and D. Z. Newton in serving a chicken salad course and cranberry ice.

**Children of Confederacy Give Party.**

The Children of Confederacy enjoyed a very delightful party and informal dance at Cleveland Springs hotel Friday evening. The large dining room was decorated in the C. of C. colors of red and white.

Each of the members invited her best boy friend which included about eighty guests. They were chaperoned by Misses Elizabeth Brown and Alice Lowe of the high school faculty.

The most attractive date cards of red and white were used. At the close of the evening ice cream, cake and nuts were served. Miss Ruth Thompson played the piano for the dance.

## GASOLINE TAX SHOULD BE HELD INVIOLE

**Greensboro Record.**  
When we created the special gasoline levy we provided that it was to be used to build roads and in this manner we "got by" with the special tax. If we now attempt to use the gasoline tax to reduce county tax levies, or to give county commissioners extra funds to be used for other purposes, we will be breaking faith with the automobile owners of the state. The automobile tax should be held inviolate for road purposes only, and it should continue in the hands of the state alone.

"Should an airplane be referred to as 'she'?" asks an inquiring subscriber. All except the mail planes. —Nashville Southern Lumberman.

California seems to have gotten halous of Florida's hurricane publicity. It has countered with a sweeping flu epidemic.—Ocala (Fla.) Banner.

Was it what results when one country that is taking steps to de-Sand itself.—San Diego Union.

## BANK OF FRANCE GUARDS ITS GOLD

Immense Chamber 200 Feet Below Surface Covers 2 1-2 Acres.

The Pathfinder.

Some folks may think it impossible to build a bank, or treasure house, completely proof against all the devilish ingenuity of a victorious enemy, but French engineers believed they could do it, and now they feel that they have accomplished about all that is within the reach of human possibility.

For three years and with an army of nearly 1,500 laborers the work has gone forward in an effort to provide safety in the vaults of the Bank of France for the nation's billion-dollar gold reserve. These vaults are in a big chamber covering 2 1-2 acres 200 feet below the surface of the earth.

An idea of the subterranean depth may be had by calling to mind that Niagara Falls is 167 feet high at its point of the bank's underground chamber means still more when it is learned that above its lofty ceiling is first 40 feet of water—enough to float a ship—and then 50 feet of solid rock.

This safety deposit for France's finances was built from the lessons learned in the World war. A place was planned which would not only be safe from the biggest bombs, but where the bank force holding the fort would be safe from the worst sort of gas attack. To that end a supply of fresh air is drawn into the vault chamber from a secret source. In spite of being located under an underground lake the big chamber is kept dry and fresh. The hollow concrete pillars supporting the ceiling lead off some of the moisture, and the whole is blown out by compressed air.

The strange condition of the vault being under water is explained by the fact that a river flows beneath the city of Paris. It was discovered when the great Opera House was built just before the war with the Germans in 1870. There was plenty of fresh water during the siege of 1871, though the food was soon exhausted. To build the bank chamber the underground river had to be dammed temporarily. The 40 feet of water above the chamber ceiling is a pool, or lake, formed by the river. The 50 feet of rock above forms a sort of arch over the water.

In case of war, civil or otherwise, a bank force of more than 1,000 men could retire to the depths below, in case of need, and live in comparative comfort for an indefinite period. The bank building might be blown away without disturbing them. A food supply is kept on hand, and could be greatly increased in a short time. There are dishes, kitchens, stoves and all the comforts of life ready prepared for that time, maybe a hundred or 500 years from now, when war may be raging above.

To reach the vault one must go down in an electric elevator and pass through six successive steel towers with revolving steel doors which are opened by electric engines. The walls and ceiling are of steel and concrete 20 feet thick, and the steel towers with the electric doors offer as much resistance. The elevator shaft can be flooded. If an enemy attempts to tunnel under he would have to go a long way through solid rock and then have to fight through an underground lake before he could even reach the 20-foot walls of steel and concrete. And besides, there are means of defending the heart of the bank—where the gold is kept—but all that is a deep secret. So are some of the tunnels that go through the solid rock, but where from and where to no one knows.

Government officials were impressed during the big war by the need of safety for the nation's treasure. Secret cannon in the building trained on all approaching avenues, such as the Bank of England is provided with, would have been of no service under a huge German bomb dripped from above. And then, if a charge of poison gas could have been released in or near the bank all of the employees would have had to run for safety, leaving the gold unprotected.

Now if France's gold is not protected it is not possible to protect it mechanically.

Scientists say the earth is slowing up in its rotation, which should be some comfort to those of us who are hanging on by the skin of our teeth.—Macon Telegraph.

There is one thing to be said in favor of the power trust. It doesn't debate with itself for six years whenever it considers undertaking a new power project.—San Diego Union.

## GIGANTIC MERGER OF RADIO FIRMS

Nearly \$600,000,000 Involved In Radio Corporation-Victor Deal.

New York.—A gigantic merger, of momentous import to the future of broadcasting, phonographs, talking moving pictures and the public, to which all three cater, was announced. It involves the Radio Corporation of America and the Victor Talking Machine company.

In terms of money, the unification means the combination of approximately \$600,000,000. In general terms, of interest to the public, much more is involved.

Specifically, instead of fighting each other, it means close co-operative development in their own distinct fields of the three big methods of providing mechanical entertainment.

Radio already had gone into the "talkie" business. Now the patents of the phonograph company will be brought into use to the fullest extent in developing radio broadcasting and talking pictures, while in its own field the phonograph will be developed with the aid of the other departments in the merged company.

Perhaps the most romantic side of the merger is the rise of radio corporation. Five years ago its stock sold for \$10 a share. Today it closed at 395. It had risen roughly 200 points in a year.

As to the stock market aspect of the merger, there is to be a five-for-one split of new radio stock for old common stock. This will be a greater floating supply of stock, and it is expected that "technical corners" in most instances, if not all, will be eliminated. These have caused fast moves up and down in the stock.

The merger was agreed upon at separate meetings today of the boards of directors of the two companies. With the announcement of the merger, executives of both issued statements regarding its significance.

The unification definitely enlarges the fields of radio and the phonograph, and adds to the services which both can render, said David Sarnoff, executive vice president of the radio company.

## Unusual Case Of Man With Memory Missing Altogether

Macon, Ga.—T. Scott Goolsby, pharmacist, who disappeared from here fourteen months ago and was recently found in Tyler, Texas, working as a salesman with no memory of his former life, has left for his Texas job. His parents, friends and familiar surroundings failed to bring any recollection to him of the days before his disappearance, but he is convinced that he is Goolsby and will resume that name.

After spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Goolsby, he said he was certain they were his parents and that this must be his home but he does not remember them.

He slept in the room he formerly occupied, spent much of his time in his father's pharmacy of which he was manager for a number of years and was greeted by many friends, but none of these rekindled a memory.

Search for their son was begun by Dr. and Mrs. Goolsby after his automobile was found on an Occumgee river bridge. Finally a former resident of Forsyth, now living at Abilene, Texas, saw him pass through the town. The parents started another long hunt which ended at Tyler, Texas, only to be told by the salesman that they were not his parents as his father and mother were killed in the Miami storm.

**"Big Men Go To Church."**  
Asheville Citizen.

"Though it should surprise no one that a man gets religion upon his election to high office, there has been much gossip here over the epidemic of church-going that accompanies such preferment," writes the gentleman who contributes "Back Stage in Washington" to the Outlook. "Calvin Coolidge did not become a paying pewholder until after Providence had placed him in the White House. Mr. Hoover was not known as a regular attendant at the Quaker meeting house until after his nomination, and now Charlie Curtis, vice president-elect, has hit the sawdust trail."

Despite the more or less gentle irony back of this and other comment of a similar nature, the authors of it will hardly deny that it is the right and proper thing for the heads of this government to go to church regularly. They are regarded as the exemplars of the national life. More than one president has described his job as a pulpit with enormous influence upon the people.

Almost every man has reverence or the seeds of reverence in his make-up, whether he is a churchman or not. And the way to develop and strengthen it is to go where reverence is, to church. It is impossible for the average normal man to go to church with an

## At The Theatres

Jack Perrin in "Two Outlaws" is the feature attraction at the Webb today. An action picture of the first rank, presented by Universal, with Rex, known as the king of wild horses, this picture will please those who seek thrill and drama on the screen.

Tomorrow brings an especially appealing picture—"Show Folks," a back stage epic, revealing the life, the atmosphere, the comedy and tragedy of the folks who thrill the crowds. It is a Pathe release, starring such first rate artists as Besse Barriscale, Lina Basquette and Eddie Quillan. The picture is billed as "a picture story without a villain—the most unusual love triangle ever filmed—a tender theme exquisitely visualized on the screen."

Bert Lyell makes his appearance in Shelby today after a long absence (during which he has appeared in vaudeville), starting with Gertrude Olmstead in a picture entitled "The Lone Wolf's Daughter." Lilyan Tashman is also in the cast. It is a picture of mystery and suspense.

Tuesday "Life's Crossroads" is being shown. "Life's Crossroads" is a fine, dramatic tale; a drama of perfect balance. The old triangular situation is evolved in a new concept; the three principal characters are seen in their elemental characteristics; wholly divested of the polite habiliments of an artificial civilization.

Two Governors.  
Salsbury Post.

Looking over the exchanges on our table today we find a Republican from Wake county speaking in high praise of Max Gardner and predicting a good record for him in the governor's chair. This man said that he especially likes the people of the governor-elect's county—Cleveland—that they are hard working and prosperous. We find too among our exchanges a very good word for Mr. McLean, who is leaving the governor's office. No less an authoritative observer than Archibald Johnson declares that Mr. McLean has made a good governor and leaves the state better off than when he came to rule. We believe both men speak wisely and truthfully. Mr. McLean has given the state a better administration than some credit him with and the benefits to be derived from his four years will become more and more pronounced as others add to the record. Mr. Gardner is a man of high ideals and splendid, practical qualifications, and we feel quite sure that he will match the best that has gone on before.

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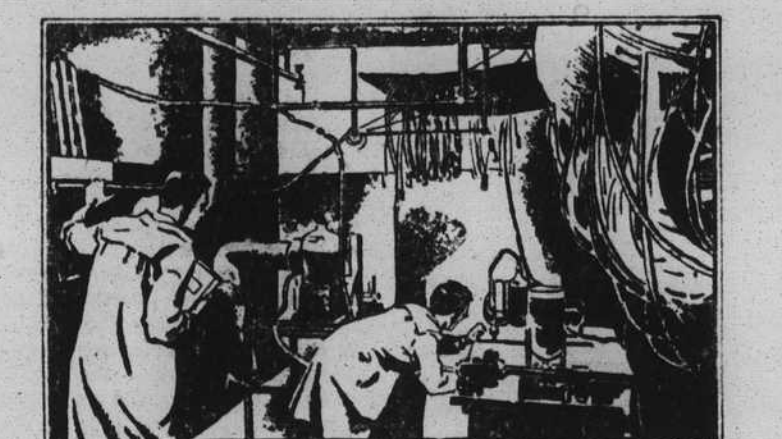
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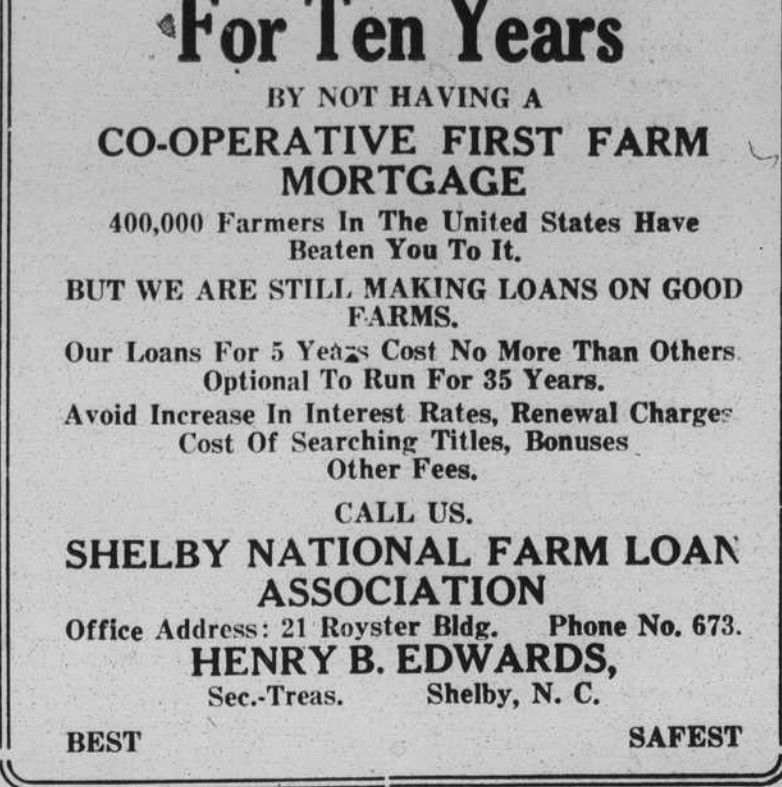
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