

### Doubt Cast At All Theories Of Evolution Now In Belief

Thinks Darwin May Be Partially But Not Wholly Correct.

Washington.—Grave doubt is cast on current theories of evolution by Dr. Austin H. Clark, biologist of the United States National museum, who has a theory of his own to replace them.

As he explains it, Darwin was wrong and so was Lamarck. So are their followers on almost all vital points, he declares, and in the long quarrel between the so-called fundamentalists and so-called modernists on the origin of mankind in particular, and animal life in general he gives comfort to the fundamentalists.

"So far as concerns the major groups of animals," he said, "the creationists seem to have the better of the argument. There is not the slightest evidence that any of the major groups arose from any other. Each is a special animal-complex, related more or less closely to all the rest, and appearing, therefore, as a special and distinct creation."

Upset Theories. Dr. Clark's theory collides squarely with the generally accepted one that animal life developed from lower to higher forms over a long period of time. In brief, Dr. Clark holds that all life is obeying a constant urge to produce certain forms and that when these happen to be born into a favorable environment they survive as new types of animals and plants. He contends that there is no first or last in life forms and that the amoeba and vertebrate might have been produced at the same time.

If he is right, the time spent in studying fossils and long buried bones and the painfully worked out hypothesis of the change in certain animals forms has been work wasted. Dr. Clark's views shoot skeletal evidence, including that purporting to show the descent of man from an ape like creature, off the scientific landscape, granted, of course, that they are correct.

Darwin Partly Right. Darwin, while held to be wrong in the main, is not entirely discarded. Within plant and animal groups Dr. Clark allows for the working of the Darwinian theory brought about by natural and artificial selection. While he admits that different breeds of dogs and cats may be caused by the artificial selection of the cat and dog fancier, he would allow no graduation between dogs and cats.

Using the giraffe as an illustration of evolution theories, Lamarckians hold in substance that the giraffe grew his neck because his ancestors were forced to stretch to get food and that through exercise the necks grew longer. In some undetermined way this lengthening of the neck became hereditary and the process was repeated until the giraffe was fixed as a type.

The Other Theory. Darwin's theory, with some modifications, was that often giraffe's

ancestors some had longer necks than others. They had to feed on trees, as did the hypothetical ancestors in the Lamarckian theory, and the ones born with long necks had a much better chance for survival. This tended to eliminate short necks and preserve long ones. Dr. Clark, on the other hand, explains the giraffe by declaring that the original pair were freaks born of some other animals, possibly antelopes, and that the food supply was favorable to the preservation of the pair who came into the world for some mysterious reason with long necks.

He said he believed that man appeared in the world suddenly and declared in somewhat the same fashion as the giraffe, and said that man was constantly throwing off supposed abnormality. Idiots and also "supermen" and that one had about as hard a time surviving as the other, because subconsciously the entire race conspired against the "superman" by shutting them up in an asylum of convention and restrictions.

#### Hoover As A Speller.

One of the correspondents with Mr. Hoover on the battleship Utah reports that members of the party whittled away the hours on shipboard with an old-fashioned spelling bee. Those who participated were Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, Ambassador Fletcher, John C. Mott, of Los Angeles; Commander Beauregard and Captain Train. The correspondent states with poetic reservation that Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were declared winners with a score of 16 out of a possible 18.

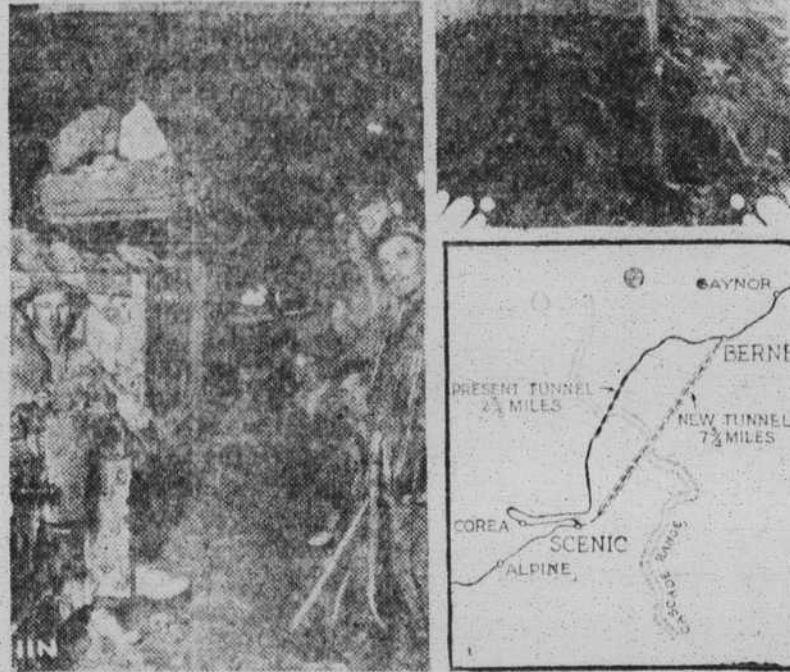
Lovers of this wholesome sport will be interested to know the 18 words which were selected for the test. They were embarrassed, harassed, supersede, lilies, repellent, battalion, Philippine, inoculate, caterpillar, religious, rarefied, villified, desiccate, plaguy, combated, plienicking, innocendo, sacrilegious. Everyone will doubtless have his special enemies in this list, and that will increase curiosity to know what the two words were that Mr. and Mrs. Hoover fell down on. Did they both miss the same ones is an important question not covered by the story.

Feminists would be pleased to be informed if Mrs. Hoover spelled her husband down, and perhaps Senator Borah is wondering how Mr. Hoover would have handled "extra session" and why this difficult item was not a part of the contest.

#### Cheap With Wife.

New York.—John Buggy was in court because he had given his wife only five cents a day since New Year's. After remarks by the court and reflection, he paid her \$100 and agreed to raise the 35 cents a week to \$16. Magistrate Gottlieb had called him "the meanest Scotchman in the world."

### Tunnel Through Cascades A Miracle of Science



Above, a painting by Walter L. Greene, showing one of new electric trains about to enter the Cascades tunnel, and, below, drillers at work inside the bore. The map illustrates the old and new routes through the range.

#### LIMESTONE IS ADMITTED TO COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

Gaffney.—Limestone college is now a member of the American Association of Colleges, an organization of national liberal arts colleges.

The local Baptist institution was

admitted at the annual meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn., last week, when President R. C. Granberry and Dr. T. C. McGee attended. Limestone became eligible due to recent admittance as a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools and due to recent progressive steps taken by the institution.

### RICH COUNTESS RULES PARISIAN DOWN-AND-OUTS

German Noblewoman Tells Story Of Ten Years Spent With Drifters Under Bridges.

Paris.—The Paris "clochards" hapless down and outers who live and die under the bridges, now have a queen. In reality she is only a countess, and her earthly possessions amount to a mere \$1,200.00. But she earned her marks by living with her subjects for ten long years. Without a roof and penniless, she shared the accommodations and food of their "jungle" during this period.

In an exclusive story told to the International News Service, the Countess Inga Ornelous, German noblewoman and society leader, related her experiences and elevation to queenhood over the tramps. "My late husband was a narcotics addict and squandered every penny of my available cash. One day recently, I found my villa in Saint-Cloud seized for debt. I could not cross the threshold to remove even one single thing.

"What was I to do? I was afraid and perhaps too proud, to ask my friends for assistance. I had heard of people sleeping under bridges. I was tired and decided to try it.

Was Frightened. "I was scared just the same when I arrived at the Pont-Neuf. I shall probably never be able to explain where I picked up my courage to go down and mingle with the luckless scraps of humanity who congregate under the bridges.

"The first thing I found out is that this society has rulers and rules as strict as any other. I should perhaps never have been allowed a place to lie down if an old hag, reeking with dirt and lice, had not befriended me. Having spent years in this community, she was sort of a leader and chaperon.

"To this woman I told my troubles. Her wine-soaked brain managed to absorb some of the detail, but even so I am sure she thought at the time that I was lying. Nevertheless, she took me 'in', and in a few minutes I was doing my best to go to sleep on a bed of old papers. My raincoat aided me somewhat to keep the dampness out.

"Mere Louise, as my protectrice

was known in her own set, proved to be my true guardian angel. She earned a few pennies during the day selling newspapers, and those funds she shared with me so that we could eat. Not for ten years had she known any other roof than that provided by the bridges and hallways of Paris.

#### Refuses Offer.

"I have since offered to take care of her, but she steadfastly refuses. She thinks her place is under the bridges. There she has a mission to fulfill.

"I was safer among the down and outers than in a mondaine drawing room, thanks to Mere Louise. I remember no man making even an untoward move in my direction. They were not especially respectful, but they were indifferent."

#### How's This?

(Laurinburg Exchange)

A man comes forward with the suggestion that the legislature enact a law levying a tax of \$3 a ton on all hay imported into North Carolina, and also a tax on corn and oats shipped into the state from other states. For a time this would produce substantial revenues, he says, and would serve automatically to cut down the big shortage in home production of these crops.

### CASAR CONDENSED NEWS GLEANINGS

(Special to The Star)

Mrs. Reid Tillman of Fallston spent Tuesday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis White. Mrs. A. E. Elmore and Mrs. A. A. Horton visited their brother Mr. Crowell Ivester Sunday afternoon. Miss Edith White spent Wednesday night in Fallston with her sister Mrs. Reid Tillman.

Mrs. Wilbur Lutz of Belwood spent Sunday night with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Elmore.

Mr. Ruffin White and family spent this week-end with his brother Mr. Esper White of Henrietta.

Mr. A. E. Elmore, Mr. John Ramsey and Mr. A. A. Horton motored to Boone last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Elmore spent Saturday night with Mr. Clyde E. Powell of Lawndale.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Foker spent Saturday night with Mr. Clyde E. Powell.

Mr. Lawrence Walker and family visited Mr. Clyde E. Powell of Lawndale.

Mrs. Joe Willis of Catawba county is visiting at the home of her

daughter Mrs. Ruffin White.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Evans visited friends in Hickory last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Evans spent Sunday in Hickory with Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Walker visited Mr. Garry Elmore Sunday night.

Mr. Curtis White motored to Shelby on business.

Mrs. Otis Carpenter is suffering with an attack of appendicitis at this writing.

Miss Mozelle Carpenter spent the week-end in Shelby at the bedside of her sister Mrs. Orus Whisnant who is suffering with a relapse of flu.

We are sorry to report Mrs. R. L. Carpenter is very sick with flu at this writing.

The Casar's boys basketball team played Lattimore last Wednesday evening. The score was 23-24 in favor of Casar.

Mrs. Lawton Horton and sons spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Powell were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Elmore Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carpenter visited Mr. A. A. Horton Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilson of Platteau spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin White.

THE PARAGON IS ALMOST GIVING AWAY—

## DRESSES

AND

## COATS

### FINAL REDUCTIONS

ON ALL WINTER APPAREL

Our buyers are back from the northern markets—New spring things are already arriving. We need the room for them and have grouped all remaining Winter Garments at ridiculously low prices for quick clearance.

ONE LOT

## DRESSES

FORMERLY PRICED TO \$14.50

# \$5.00

This Is POSITIVELY Last Reduction

Jerseys, Silks and Flannel Dresses in this lot. The price is now less than half. They are worth seeing and we suggest your coming at once.

## DRESSES & COATS

UP TO \$19.50

# \$9.75

Here is the season's outstanding value in Coats and Dresses. Grouped on several racks about 50 to close out. The price is much less than actual cost to us. A determination to clear out and not carry over a single garment. Come tomorrow and see these values.

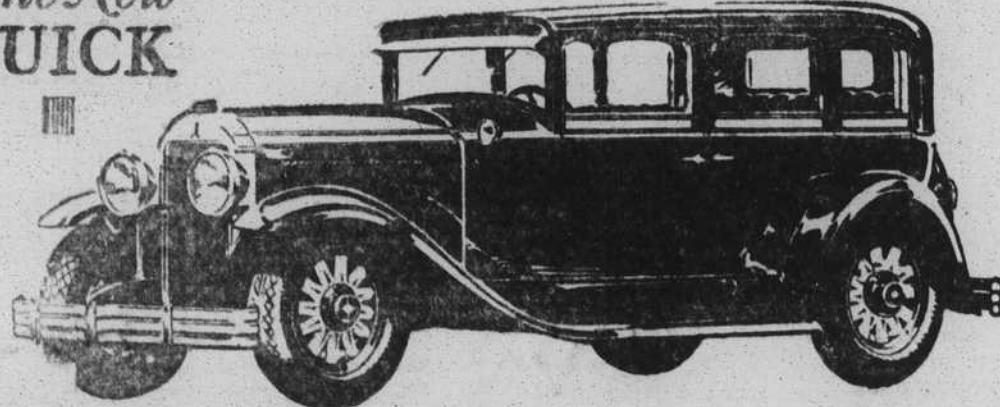


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## PARAGON DEPT.

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### The New BUICK



## Newest of the New five months ago and newest of the new to-day!

Not only instant but countrywide acclaim greeted this great new Buick on its introduction five short months ago!

For Buick was new—new in style—new in performance—new in comfort. . . . And Buick is new today—its quality as unequalled—its leadership as obvious and outstanding as on the day of its introduction!

Buick's new Masterpiece Bodies by Fisher are unrivaled fashions—outstanding favorites.

Buick's triple-sealed Valve-in-Head engine—the most powerful engine of its size in the world provides performance unequalled by any other car.

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### Statement Of Condition SHELBY BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Of Shelby, N. C., As Of December 31, 1928

#### — ASSETS —

The Association Owns:	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$7,634.90
Mortgage Loans	1,328,212.15
(Money loaned to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local real estate.)	
Stock Loans	35,064.20
(Advances made to our shareholders against their stock.)	
Accounts Receivable	273.43
(Temporary Advances for Insurance, Taxes, Etc.)	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	1,502.65
Real Estate Owned	6,956.97
Other Assets	2,488.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,382,133.23</b>

#### — LIABILITIES —

The Association Owes:	
To Shareholders:—Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on stock as follows:	
Installment Stocks	\$496,671.00
Matured Stock	8,400.00
Prepaid Stock	532,150.75
Full Paid Stock	121,300.00
Bills Payable	45,000.00
(Money borrowed for use in making loans to members or retiring matured stock.)	
Accounts Payable	36.88
Undivided Profits	174,268.76
(Earnings held in trust for distribution to shareholders at maturity of stock.)	
Other Liabilities	4,305.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,382,133.23</b>

State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland:

J. F. Roberts, secretary-treasurer of the above named association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

J. F. ROBERTS,

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of January, 1929.

BURTON CROWDER, Notary Public.