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## TWINKLES

That headline in Wednesday's Star, "Small Amount Unpaid Taxes in This County," referred to last year, not this year, we would inform for the benefit of tax collectors.

"Women Puff For Show," reads a headline in the Charlotte News, and it might be well for us to add that the item was about smoke puffs as there wouldn't be any news value to a headline saying that women powder puff for show.

America is to start building more war ships, and now if Arthur Brisbane were writing this he would probably say, "That would be all right, if they were air ships. The next war will be fought in the air."

Lindy's engagement was played up with big headlines on page one the country over, but the headlines would be nothing to compare with the ones he would receive were he to be divorced a year or so from now. You see, he would then be unrestricted property again.

From some of the news stories in the King case it seems that most anything found lying around the house, electric cords or whatnot, can be construed as having something to do with foul play. Fact is, we wonder how many homes there are in which no electric iron cords and such could not be found.

## ARE WE RIGHT?

SO FAR THIS month only one couple has secured marriage license in Cleveland county but a dozen, and perhaps, more Cleveland county couples have journeyed over to South Carolina for their license.

In our opinion the lawmakers down at Raleigh would be doing something of far more value if they remedied the cause of the figures above than they are doing by introducing monkey bills, telling who killed Cock Robin, and trying to get a law to fine movie-goers for unintentionally kicking the person seated in front of them. And we believe the larger percentage of the people in North Carolina will side with us in that opinion. The examinations required up here prior to matrimony do not mean anything at all, but they drive couples away; and the \$5 price of marriage license doesn't add any income to the State, for not one-fifth the couples purchase license at home as would if the license sold for a nominal sum.

## EDISON AND SMART BOYS

SMART MEN admit that they know very little. Thomas Edison, the inventor and perhaps the greatest thinker in America, declared in his birthday talk this week, "We don't know a millionth of one percent about anything yet. We do not know what electricity, sound, and light are..." And the smart Edison, who gave us electric lights and many other modern conveniences and inventions by his great brain, admits it, but get in most any group and you'll find some smart aleck who will know 100 percent about a million of things, which Edison declares he didn't know a millionth of one percent about. Some of them can even tell you what the electricity, Mr. Edison has done so much with, is, and oddly enough most of them have done very little with electricity or anything else.

A smart man knows that he does not know everything, but there are many of us who do not seem to know that we know hardly nothing at all.

## THOSE "BIG BOOTLEGGERS"

IN RECENT weeks several complaints, rumor has it, have been going the rounds because The Star did not publish the names of the "big bootleggers" rounded up by O. O. Goben, the undercover man who created a little sensation.

The Star did not publish the list of those rounded up and has no particular apology for not doing so, but we do have an explanation we desire to make—an explanation we hope the critics will take note of before they criticize further.

First of all, there was not a single "big bootlegger" in Goben's round-up. In fact, local officers make no bones about saying that they are doubtful if there were more than two bootleggers in the lot, and those of the group who are bootleggers are what might be termed small fish in the game, not big bootleggers by far.

One complainer declared: "The papers always publish the troubles of the little fellow, but when a big town bootlegger gets caught you never see his name."

He was referring, we presume, to the Goben round-up, and therein he erred. Practically every person caught by Goben we would say were working men, young men who found it hard to get up enough money to pay the costs. That was one reason The Star did not carry the list of all those caught. Another reason was that most of those nabbed were young men, some of whom, and they appeared truthful, declared that they secured liquor for the undercover man as a favor rather than for profit by dealing in whiskey. However, neither of those reasons were the main reason why the names were not carried. And that main reason is that The Star has a somewhat well-formed policy as to publishing

court news. Due to the fact that it is impossible to have a reporter at all court sessions and also due to the fact that the average run of cases in the county court are of a minor nature and seldom worth the space which they would take up in the paper, The Star seldom carries the cases on the docket unless the offense is of such a nature as to draw a road sentence or a heavy fine, or has some unusual feature connected therewith which lends the case news value. It would take a goodly portion of the local news space to carry the outcome of every court case and therefore a certain limit must be set, and limits are set in newspaper work according to news value. A liquor capture running into the gallons is of considerably more news interest than half pint and pint captures, and most of Goben's were just that. As we recall some of the names in the Goben round-up were published because some of the defendants received heavy fines or sentences, but in doing so this paper did not try to protect any "big bootleggers," for as the small fines they received indicate the others were far from bootleggers, if bootleggers at all.

The Star does not and never has made it a point to discriminate between classes in publishing news. And if any partiality is shown it is to the so-called little fellow. That's why this paper has been fighting the proposed \$5 fee for an officer for every arrest he makes in connection with a dry law violation. The paper's fight against the fee was not made because we do not believe in strict enforcement of the prohibition laws, nor because we desire to keep any officer from making what money he may, but to tack an extra \$5 fee on the little fellows who come into court over a pint of whiskey, or a bottle of bay rum, when the fee is no heavier for the big bootlegger and rum-runner, is unfair. Our suggestion was that the fee go to the officer when he catches a maker of whiskey, a big bootlegger, or a rum-runner, or, to be more to the point, when he catches one of the "big fellows."

Which is taking up quite a bit of space for an explanation, but the little fellow's troubles are enough as things are now without having people go about broadcasting and not knowing the facts that The Star kept a list of names out of the paper because they were the names of "big fellows." With no discredit whatsoever to them, we would say that there was not an even moderately wealthy man in Goben's group, nor was there any person of particular prominence in the group. And, if there had been, prominence and wealth does not keep news out of The Star—youth and being not wealthy will come far nearer doing it.

## "Nobody's Business"

— BY GEE MCGEE —

(Exclusive In The Star In This Section.)

### Here And There.

I asked Uncle Joe what had become of the lightning rod agents, and he said all of them were now engaged in selling traffic light systems to our little towns. Uncle Joe said that he always felt like a fool sitting there in his car waiting for the green lights to come on when his lizzie was the only vehicle anywhere's about and I told him if he felt like a fool then he felt like he looks all the time, and then I doged a left punch to the chin.

Aunt Minerva is a great germ dodger. The other night she hollered at Susie and told her to stand back from that radio while that announcer was sneezing as she didn't want her to catch the flu. After shaking hands with peddlers, which she always does, she's so sociable, she goes right straight and soaks her hands in an iodine solution. She won't drink after nobody, not even Uncle Poe. She found out about germs last year when blood poison set in on "Brother Jim" where the mule bit him right behind the wood house.

### The Goat.

Our teacher has asked us boys to write a composition on a domestic animal and I have chose the billy goat for my subject which I have and his name is Hunkey and he butts me ever time I am looking the other way and the way he do smell worries ma put nigh to death, but I tell her just think of how much use he is helping me to haul wood and clothes, and she says if he is that much help, looks like I order keep him washed, but I tried that once and he diddent smell good no longer than it took ma's cake of soap I used out of the company room to dry off, and they are also good to eat if killed on the right time of the moon to get red of they oeder and that's all I care to say about goats in this peace.

Signed,  
Willie Buttinski—7th Grade.

### Cotton Letter.

New York.—The market opened steady at an advance of 9 points and a decline of 7 points. There seemed to be some Southern selling by Northern interests, and the market later turned irregular to weak with plenty boll weevil news at hand. Bombay and Continental buying disturbed Shanghai hedging materially, but the shorts were long near the close and the straddlers seemed unable to get off the bulls until the bears issued a call for all May contracts bought on July basis in October while December was selling coordinately with New Orleans 64 3/4. Therefore,

we believe holding on is in order till you fall off.

### Recipes.

Traffic Jam: Take a couple of 18 year old nuts and a like number of peaches not over-ripe, put them into a tin (lizzie), pour into each nut and peach about one drachm of hooch, wash down with a wine glass half full of ginger ale, let the gas be turned on till the mixture sizzled and turns red, and loses its solidarity, then it will simmer down to a slow boil, and stop. Then stir with a police billy or baseball bat, and place in the cooler for 30 days.

Applesauce: Mix a long line of bull with a dash of nerve, add plenty punk and whoopee, drop in a few lies now and then, exaggerate with lots of fabricated scraps, stir until the ears burn, then swear that the Democrats will elect a president in 19 and 32. Do not serve except with a shotgun.

### Other Staff.

We note with pleasure that the big trucks and buses are hogging only three-fourths of the highways these days. If these vehicles of transportation continue to increase in width, the average automobile will have a slim chance to meet or pass one of them. They virtually control traffic on the main arteries, and at the present rate, they will wear out a good concrete road in 5 years.

The coal miners are now asking for a 5-hour day in some parts of the world. What do they think they are, school teachers? Uncle Joe's Sammie says that he longs for a 36-hour week with a 72-hour pay envelope. He tried to get a job with me once, and I told him I'd pay him what he was worth, but he refused to work that cheap. He would be a fine hand to sit in the Lick Observatory and count the eclipses of the sun. He's so lazy he actually swallows his spit.

The cigarette manufacturers swear that cigarettes will keep the women slim and attractive, and this means that all fat women will take up smoking at once. They also want folks to stop eating candy; so fellers, if you don't want your old lady or sweetheart to bear down too heavy on your lap, take 'em smokes instead of bonbons. Personally I favor kissing bonbon lips rather than those smeared with nicotine and lipsticks. What won't females do to conserve and preserve their imaginary beauty?

The scientists say that in a million years the North Pole will be where the temperate zone is now, and I'll just betcha we will all

## NEW BOOKS GIVEN SHELBY LIBRARY

On February 5 Miss Reba Hamrick donated three books, The Phantom of the Opera, by Gaston Leroux; The Hunchback of Notre Dame, by Victor Hugo; Betty Zane, by Zane Gray.

On February 7 Mr. Julius A. Suttle donated one book, "Up From The Streets," the story of Alfred E. Smith. Mrs. Madge W. Riley donated the following books. The Deluge, by S. Fowler Wright; The Canary Murder Case, by S. S. Van Dine; The Black Hunter, by James Oliver Curwood; The Mortover Grange Affair, by S. Fletcher; The Mad King, by Edgar Rice Burroughs; The Wolf Hunters, by James Oliver Curwood; The Mill of Many Windows, by J. S. Fletcher; The Mucker, by E. R. Burroughs; Sorrell and Son, by Marwick Deeping; Ben Hur, by Lew Wallace; Daddy Long Legs, by Jean Webster; Little Abe Lincoln, by Bernice Babcock. Donated by Ralph Webb Gardner February 9. Man-Liye, by M. McLeod Raine; Tappan's Bun, by Zane Gray; Beau Sabreur, by B. C. Wren; The War Chief, by E. R. Burroughs. Donated by James and Richard Jones, War Birds; The Sketch Book, by Washington Irving; Myths and Myth Makers, by John Fisher; Motion Picture Comrades, by E. T. Barnes; Held, by Johanna Speyri. The Net, by Rex Beach, donated by Mrs. J. B. Jones.

### Hungary's Fleet Here!

(From The Wall St. Journal.) The entire merchant marine of Hungary has arrived in Galveston to load out a full cargo of grain. She is the Honved, a 7,800-ton steamship flying the Hungarian flag. According to Captain Rudolph Udvardy, "It is my country's only ship. We have a yacht over there, but it is not a steam vessel."

freeze to death. I intend to try to get in the coal business by then, and make some money. I am sorry now I threw away my old "heavies" last spring. Those smart boys keep me worried to death nearly all the time. They say that the world is almost sure to run into some other planet in time. Now is the time to install traffic signals. So's worlds can dodge one another.

# Full Rows

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### Good Cotton is Wanted

In the United States the demand is greatest for strict low middling, middling, strict middling and good middling from 15/16 to one inch in length, says the 1927 Yearbook of Agriculture. These four grades made up 85.05 per cent of the total consumption by American mills. All the lower grades together accounted for only 13.28 per cent. The demand for cotton under 1/2 inch in length was less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the whole. In other words, GOOD cotton is wanted—cotton up to a standard. And the farmer who uses V-C has it to sell!

"I look for the farmer of the future to overcome high costs by more economical production." — RENICK W. DUNLAP.

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"For 24 years I have found that V-C Fertilizers excel in continuous satisfactory results." — W. L. Tillman, Bennettsville, S. C.

### Must Keep Open Mind

"Agriculture is the foundation of our national wealth. It is the basic industry—but more than an industry; it is a way of life, and trains its apprentices in independence, in self-reliance. The farmer is the most independent of men. But in order to preserve that independence he must keep an open mind toward innovations and must be on tiptoe to adopt the very best." — U. S. Department of the Interior.

Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas have limited the number of fertilizer grades to be sold within their borders. The limits range between 15 grades for Mississippi to 21 for Louisiana. In all but Texas the plant food content must be at least 16 per cent.

### IT PAYS!

V-C Fertilizers are serving their third generation of cotton growers. Farmers whose grandfathers used



V-C have come into their own and plow V-C under with every new planting. From father to son the good old tradition is handed down—that V-C is an investment that pays!

Time to leave a good woman all alone by herself is when the clothes line drops with the week's washing. — Exchange.

### "Artificial Cotton" Now

Between three and four million pounds of "artificial cotton" are now being grown in England, according to a report from London. The fiber is described as growing on a plant seven feet high that was discovered in British Guiana.

"V-C 4-8-4 is the best fertilizer I have ever used." — L. P. Denning, Benson, N. C.

### THAT DAY HAS GONE

"We once believed crops should be fertilized only when they would not grow without it. 'His land is so poor he has to use fertilizer,' we used to say of certain farmers. And we didn't think much of the men or the practice. That day has gone forever!" — Modern Farming.

About 18 of every 28 bales of cotton that the world produced in 1927 were grown in the United States. India grew 4, China 1 1/2, Egypt 1 1/2, and twenty-seven other countries grew 3 bales all together in every 28.

### Low Grades Are Costliest

"The best interests of the consumer demanded the elimination of low-grade brands. The records showed that it almost every instance the cost (to the farmer) of the plant food in a commercial fertilizer was highest in low-grade goods." — Biennial report, Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture.

V-C Fertilizers are made to feed the growing plant at every stage of its growth through maturity.

### Farm What We Have

"We have today in this country a great plenty of land already in cultivation," says Renick W. Dunlap, assistant secretary of agriculture. "Surely stimulation to the settlement of more land is not needed at this time or for many years to come. More government irrigation or drainage projects are not called for. Every abandoned farm is idle because someone could not make it pay. Every additional acre brought into cultivation means more competition. What we need is a national land policy which will prevent expansion into new lands until really necessary."

"The bulk of the American cotton crop is not normally grown from improved varieties. In Texas, for instance, two-thirds of the crop is grown from 'gin-run' seed of uncertain quality." — Yearbook of Agriculture.

### For Good Spuds—V-C!

V-C Potato Fertilizers are made especially for the exacting needs of that heavy-feeding but light-foraging plant. Behind V-C Potato Fertilizers are extensive manufacturing facilities, long experience, and the good name of V-C.

Remember how some counties used to stay "mud-bound" all winter? What a difference good roads have made!

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