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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 20, 1929

TWINKLES

It will be a good news story—for a good news story, y'know, is the recital of the unusual—when some one down at the State capital declares that Mrs. Max Gardner is not the most beautiful woman in official social circles in Raleigh for years.

"Even Critics of Hoover Admit He Has Made A Good Start." Could that possibly be taken to mean that the critics of Mr. Hoover might be more broad-minded than would have been the critics of his defeated rival had the latter been elected?

In view of the fact that the legislature was what it was we wonder if the lawmakers returning to their homes this week were greatly missed while in Raleigh by their respective communities? And if that be treason, may all those who have been troubled with the same curiosity be beheaded with us.

"White is Best Color for Warning Signal," headlines the Greensboro News in relating the late discovery that a white object is the best warning signal to be worn by a pedestrian who does not desire death under an automobile. And for years, reluctant to giving up our old-fashioned ideas, we had been of the opinion that white was not a color.

STATES THAT PAY

THE TOTAL revenue turned into the United States treasury from all sources in 1928 was \$2,775,276,956.23. Of this sum New York, supplied more than one-fourth, and the four states of New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Illinois paid more than half of the entire national revenue. These four states should be most influential in promoting conservation and economy at Washington. And all good Republican states at that!

OUR AUTOMOBILE BILL

ACCORDING to official records recently compiled the American public will spend \$10,000 millions of dollars for automobiles, replacement parts, accessories, tires and gasoline during the coming year 1929.

Of this sum, 5,400 millions will be spent for automobiles and trucks and 1,200 millions for accessories and parts.

In 1928 tires, gasoline, parts, which make up the basis operating cost of automobiles, cost the public 4,122 millions, and the cost of cars was 4,153 millions additional. Adding the 1928 gasoline and tire cost it will be seen that the public will spend something in excess of 10,000 millions during the coming year for pleasure and business purposes.

SEVEN SECONDS VS. LIFE

IN VIEW of the fact that a North Carolinian killed almost daily in auto accidents it might be well to erect signs at all railroad crossings reading: "Go ahead. Try and save that seven seconds, but do so at the risk of your life."

"The average time," says the Bangor Commercial, "it takes a fast railroad train to pass a crossing is seven seconds."

"Yet more than 7,000 automobilists were killed at grade crossings last year. They couldn't wait seven seconds."

"They will wait where they are until Gabriel blows his trumpet, for there is no way of beating that."

"What are seven seconds in the life of a motorist?"

"To lose them may be to save fifty years."

COOLIDGE'S ALMA MATER

AN EX-PRESIDENT is always good newspaper copy for weeks after he leaves office as his movements for a short time thereafter, and occasionally for longer periods, are watched closely by the general public. When Mr. Coolidge left Washington following the Hoover inauguration special reporters were assigned to go with him to his Northampton home and keep just as close tab upon him as upon the new president. Photos were made of the Coolidges back home again and column after column of news space was devoted to relating the various incidents connected with the home coming. But it seems that at Amherst college of which Mr. Coolidge is an alumni, the typical New England restraint was shown. The Amherst Student, college publication, devoted a "personal" and nothing more to the notable event of the return of the home-town boy. The "personal" read: "Calvin Coolidge has returned to his home at Northampton after an extended stay in Washington." Now who wonders where Coolidge got his silent demeanor and lack of demonstrativeness?

THE NEGRO FARMER

FROM 1910 to 1925 the increase in negro farmers in North Carolina was greater than in any state in the union, and in the increase Cleveland county ranked 19th in the 100 counties of the state. A portion of the credit for North Carolina's agricultural advance in the last decade is rightfully credited to increased farm progress among the negroes and in the increase in farms being operated by negroes. In like manner the negro farmers of Cleveland county, now the largest cotton county in the state, must be given due credit for a part of this county's high ranking nowadays in the

agricultural world, for in Cleveland county there are negro farmers unexcelled anywhere in the country. The transformation of the negro farm-hand of the old days, indolent, lacking sticking qualities, and unambitious, into farmers who take an interest in their work and strive to equal the white race in farm production has been remarkable. Cleveland county could not possibly be on top of the state in cotton production today if it were not for the negroes, and in the listing of the county's many bale-to-the-acre farmers quite a number of hustling negro farmers and tenants should not be overlooked.

THE SCHOOL MOVEMENT

REGARDLESS of what future action may be taken about the Shelby city schools, it is the opinion of The Star that the parents and school patrons of Shelby should see that the high school, and if possible the elementary schools, remain open for the full term. A movement to that end is now on foot and patrons are being asked, in view of the fact that the school treasury will be empty one month before the end of the regular year, to subscribe enough to continue the schools for the extra month. Not to do so would be an injustice to 3,000 school children who are not to blame either way you look at it for the condition now facing the city schools; it isn't fair to the youngsters not to have credit for a full year's work in school.

We say that the high school first of all should continue the full year, because, according to school officials, it may be possible for the students in the elementary grades to move up a grade with only eight months work—that is, such will be possible for a large percentage—but due to the fact the high school work is outlined for a nine months' course it will be impossible for high school students, especially the senior class, to receive credit for a full year. Regardless of your attitude as to school expenses, taxes or any other department of school activities, surely you cannot hold back the child you have in school for a period almost equal to one year rather than defray his or her expenses for one month—a sum of something like \$10 as estimated by the Parent-Teachers organization. Not if you're interested in your child's future. Think it over.

"Nobody's Business"

— BY GEE MCGEE —

(Exclusive In The Star In This Section.)

Some folks spend so much money for nice clothes to wear to church they don't have anything left to pay the preacher.

There couldn't possibly be over 5 inches difference in the wave lengths of WEAF and BEEF and WOLF, 'cause I am able to tune in on all three of them at one time and hear a pea-thrasher and a buzz saw and some cats fighting—since the radio commission has adjusted things.

The man who invented the automobile minus a hand throttle on the steering wheel, and the guy who discovered the saxophone, have not added anything to the comfort or convenience of the public.

Congress has voted about \$6,000,000.00 to be loaned to the farmers who suffered the loss of their crops by reason of storms last year. Now, look-y here farmers—all in the world you've got to do to get some of this money is—Go to see the man who has charge of it, put up some Liberty Bonds, or something else of a liquid value, then go on back home, and wait for 8 or 9 months, and then go back to see the man that you have already saw, and find out what's the trouble, and he will let you know that your application for a loan has been turned down. So you see—it ain't much trouble to borrow government money.

I heard a most remarkable statement from a young girl the other day. I had not anticipated such a shock. She was pretty. Her features were almost perfect. Her ankles were examples of nature's best art. Her "2 good reasons" were fine to look at, hence the amazement when she said: "Mother, I think my skirt is a little bit too short."

I have decided that I'd rather let my old lady stay sorter fat rather than have her take up the habit of smoking a cigarette when she wants a stick of candy.

The retail merchants of this country lost \$876,542,879.25 last year by reason of bad accounts (dead-beats), not counting the 999,999,999 hours of sleep they were entitled to and didn't get.

A Bed-time Story.

Mother: Darling get ready for bed.

Darling: Oh, mother. You always make me go to bed too soon. I don't get to sit up and play a bit. Mother, I'm not sleepy, and I want to play some more. Mother, I'll get ready in a little while. I want to put the pink dress on Susie, and I will just have to comb Jennie's hair. I wish you'd just look at it mother. I can't go to sleep now, mother—'cause I ain't at all sleepy.

Mother: Hurry, darling. Get your nightgown on.

Darling: Aw, mother, you know

I slept a long time in the company room this afternoon, and the Old Sand Man has not come yet. Mother, please let me play just a few minutes longer, mother. I want to wash my tea set, and mother—please help me to fix Judie's head. It broke off this morning. I don't think little girls ought to go to bed so soon. I wish I had some chewing gum. I could eat some candy, too, if I had it. Mother let me sit up a heap longer, please, mother.

Mother: Are you ready for bed, darling?

Darling: Mother, I can't find that old nightie. I believe somebody stole it. Mother, let me play with my little automobile just a teeny weeny bit. I am not sleepy, mother. And I think if I would go out in the hall and play with my scooter, I would then get sleepy, mother. Aw, mother—you hurt my feelings. I don't get to play any since Christmas. Mother, please wait till I put my dollies' trunk up.

Mother: Come here to me this minute.

Darling: Aw, mother. (Sniff, sniff, sniff). Now I lay me down to wake—sleep, I pray thee Lord my soul to take—I mean—keep—(Sniff—sniff—sniff—) And if—I die before I sleep—before I take—Aw mother—before I wake, I pray thee Lord my soul to sleep—to take. Good night, mother, but you got to let me sit up heap later than this tomorrow night.

Travel writer says the Einstein theory is attracting much more popular interest in America than in England. England is used to fog. —Arkansas Gazette.

What we dread to think of is Einstein in another world trying to communicate with Sir Oliver Lodge. —Dallas News.

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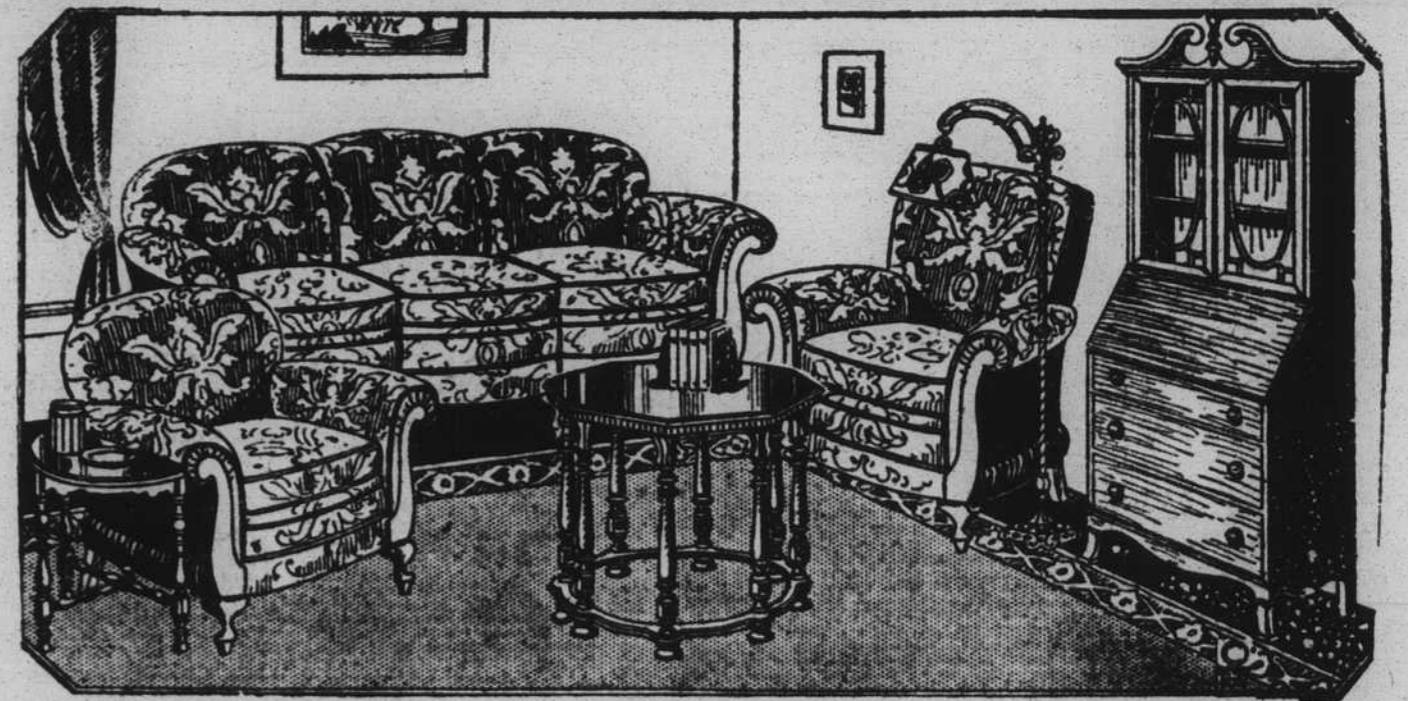


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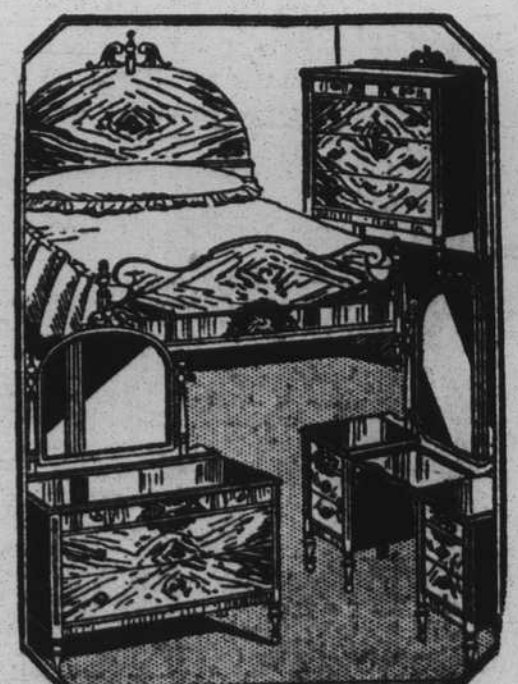
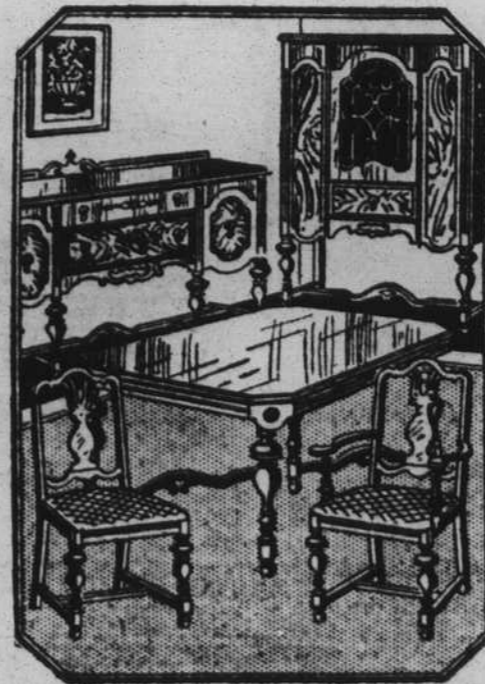
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