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## TWINKLES

Mary Pickford once was known as "America's Sweetheart" but it seems to us as if that title should now be passed on to Miss Anne Morrow, seeing as how she is the sweetheart of the sweetie of American women.

Two headlines in Monday's Star indicate that things are not in such a bad way out on the farms of Cleveland county. They were: "Train Load of Cleveland Seed Shipped Away," and "Cleveland Farmers Buying More Mules Than Ever This Year." Then, y'know, there may be some relation between the two.

The Methodist board of temperance (a board frequently heard of and from during the last election) is now on the warpath after the deadly cigarette, and our curiosity is to know if certain North Carolina interests, whose convictions coincided with the temperance board in the election, will again applaud and cooperate with the temperance group, which, as The New York World puts it, "is in politics up to its neck?"

A year or so ago The Star was telling the world that Shelby was growing as a business center because of the big increase in postal receipts at the local postoffice, and along came Judge Rufe Clark, the editorial writer, who served as postmaster under Woodrow Wilson, to inform that growing postal receipts do not necessarily indicate a growing town. And now that the last report from Postmaster Quinn shows that receipts at the local office have decreased this year, we're hoping that Mr. Clark knew whereof he talked.

## BUT ARE THEY?

A CONTRIBUTOR to the open forum of a Charlotte paper in discussing farm relief by Congress writes: "... There is absolutely no way under the sun for it (Congress) to give monopoly and business of every kind—except agriculture—the whole of the apple and still have anything left for the farmer. . . The farmer is the team that pulls the load. He is now overloaded, the only remedy is to take off some of the junk. A negro teamster would know that much if his mules were trying to go and couldn't. Congressmen ought to be as wise."

Answers are in order.

## GOT GEORGETOWN LICKED

"PAGE GEORGETOWN KENTUCKY," comments The Charlotte Observer. "It has a population of 5,000, with but 11-4 policeman to the thousand." A well-behaved town, we would say, but it seems as if our friend Col. Harris overlooks his neighboring town of Shelby. Here we have a population of 10,000 and only five policemen, or one blue-coat for 2,000 people. (The Greensboro News may describe that as one-half of a policeman to the 1,000 population). However, in Georgetown since the first of the year the police court has handled only eleven cases, while in Shelby the daily docket runs around 11 cases.

## AN INNUENDO

THE PRESS of the South in the election last fall was a dry press. In many instances the Southern papers supported Governor Smith but in doing so took every occasion offered to denounce his prohibition views and to rally about the prohibition act. And as a ballast for that recollection comes this paragraph from The Greensboro News: South Carolina Press association held its convention en route to Havana, Cuba; Alabama Press association is planning to hold its convention on the way to Montreal, Canada. Draw your own deductions."

The recollection is, too, that the North Carolina Press group assembled last at Chapel Hill. Of course that may not aid in the deductions.

## THE PARENTS' JOB

A KANSAS CITY woman recently criticized high school authorities of that city rather severely for permitting high school pupils to organize secret fraternities which, with their social activities, took up much of the spare time of the youngsters who belonged to them.

A school board member, in reply, declared that it was the parents and not the school authorities that were to blame.

"Fraternities and sororities have no place in high school life," he said, "and the board has no jurisdiction over such activities out of school. That is the duty of the parents, and the parents should not, because of their own lack of control, attempt to foist an alien duty upon the school board. If some fathers permit an unrestricted, unchaperoned use of motor cars and a too liberal allowance, then the fault of creating an undemocratic atmosphere is the fault of those fathers."

That sounds like good sense. Too many parents try to shove their own responsibilities off on over-worked school principals. The board member called the turn.

## WARDEN LAWES ON CRIME

WARDEN LEWIS E. LAWES of Sing Sing prison, pondering over the fact that even the wisest and best-enforced laws somehow fail to stop crime, turns to consider the question, "What can be found that will do the job?"

The warden, it should be remarked, knows a good deal about this subject. At Sing Sing he has studied criminals of all types and conditions. He is a wise man, unswayed by prejudices and emotions, and his conclusions ought to carry some weight.

Newspapers and moving pictures, he complains, are often at fault, in that they represent the criminal as a dashing, picturesque fellow who lives a life of ease as a result of his nefarious ventures. In reality, he points out, that is a false picture; criminals are usually somewhat stupid and cowardly, and the average net profit in robbery or burglary is far, far less than most of us suppose.

Beyond this factor, however, Warden Lawes cites the fact that city children, particularly in the poorer districts, do not have a chance to play properly. They have to play in the streets; they form petty gangs, and out of sheer childish enthusiasm and animal spirits take to pranks and misdemeanors that eventually land them in criminal pursuits. Every additional playground is of incalculable value in cutting off recruits for the army of criminals.

Indeed, it is this work for and with children that the warden seems to consider the most important of all. Children must have a chance to play. They must be given training that will help them to restrain themselves and teach them the value of social order and discipline. They must be helped, in other words, to fit themselves for wholesome, constructive lives, rather than allowed to drift into paths that lead in the other directions.

Obviously, our police and court systems need certain improvements to cope with the underworld; but just as obviously, it is even more important that we do something to prevent crimes before they happen. Warden Lawes' words ought to get earnest consideration from everyone who wants to see our crime situation improved.

## A DIARY EXCELLING SOLOMON

WHAT of the installment plan, has it helped the average American citizen, or has it handicapped him? There are supporters to both views, but the following diary, entitled "Easy Terms," as published in Thrift magazine, and which one company reprinted and placed a copy in the hands of every employe, should at least cause some thought upon the part of the average newspaper reader. Here it is:

"January 1. Bought an automobile today. Easy terms. Very fine car, with cigar lighter on dash. Ought to finish payment on this in 18 months.

"February 4. Paid installments due on car. Bought a radio set on easy terms. Fine set, and payments will be small and monthly.

"March 7. A little late with payment on the car this month, and will have to let the radio payment go over till April, as I bought a set of books.

"April 15. Borrowed \$50.00 from the boss to meet payment on car. The radio man came to take away the set, but we put out the lights and weren't home. The chump hung around all evening, so I couldn't see to read the books.

"June 1. Borrowed \$100 from Uncle George to pay the \$50.00 I borrowed from the boss, and also to meet payment on the car. Got behind a little on the book payments, because I bought a piece of land in a new real estate development. This land ought to jump in value. Paid \$50.00 down.

"August 15. Somehow I don't miss the radio set much. And you can get plenty of books from the public library. The thing that hurts is that Uncle George should be so mean. Of course I told him I'd pay back the \$100 on August 1; but you can't do the impossible, can you? Trying to arrange a character loan from the bank. If I can borrow \$250.00, I can get square again and everything will go fine.

"August 16. Bank says I have no character. What a bunch of crooks!

"September 30. The garage man is holding the car for that labor bill, what right have they to hold the car? It does not belong to me.

"October 18. It wasn't any use. I had to let the car go. Anyway, I'd rather have the piece of land. They've given me a month's grace on that. Real estate people have more heart, after all.

"November 15. Well, they can have their old land. Good riddance. If I knew where to get \$30.00 to meet the payment on the piano, I'd be all right. Bought a new automobile today, on the 'pay out of income' basis.

"November 16. Income stopped. Got the sack at the office. In looking for a job you've got to have a suit of clothes, so I bought one this afternoon. Five dollars down."

## Shelby Outfit Biggest Worry In Queen City

Charlotte Highs Consider Shelby Team Strongest Foie In Western Section.

The high school baseball team which licks Casey Morris' Shelby Highs will more than likely be the next state champions of North Carolina in the opinion of the coaches and other players in the state title race.

Anyway, here is what The Charlotte Observer sport writer thinks about it:

"There are eight groups in the western half of the state and of the winners in these groups Norwood, Shelby and Wadesboro are picked as the teams most likely to prove the biggest obstacles for the locals, with Shelby favored in some sections to cop the title.

"Norwood's sensational hur-

er, Wentz, has been pitching a great brand of ball in all of Norwood's elimination games, letting Rockwell down without a score last Friday. Wadesboro may always be counted on to put out a strong nine, while Casey Morris' Shelby lads have one of the most impressive records in the state. In the three games that they have played in the state race they have scored 39 runs and stolen a total of 20 bases. In addition, their mound ace, Hamrick, is rated as one of the best of high school pitchers.

"Skidmore's proteges are rounding into the best of their form, but they will down some fast competition if they go to Chapel Hill to play in the finals."

Even Cupid is being commercialized. To boom the "Honeymoon Trail" leading to Niagara Falls, the Syracuse, N. Y., Chamber of Commerce has erected along the route signs 50 feet high with two immense hearts pierced by an arrow.

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## Highway Patrol To Halt Speeders

Drive On Faulty Equipment To Be Started First—No Arrests Unless Necessary.

Raleigh.—One of the first things that automobile owners and drivers must do when the state highway patrol starts functioning, is to always carry their license registration cards with them, according to Captain Charles D. Farmer, commander of the patrol. The first thing that an officer will ask to see whenever an automobile is stopped on the road is the license registration card of the driver.

"The first thing we are going to undertake is the testing of equipment on automobile, such as emergency and foot brakes, warning devices, mirrors, windshield wipers, headlights, taillights and visibility of license tags," said Captain Farmer. "An deach operator must of course have his or her license registration card.

"The patrolmen will stop cars from time to time and test out their equipment. If any of it is found faulty, the owners of the cars will be given cards indicating what needs to be corrected, signed by the patrolman. The owner of the car will then be given 48 hours to have the defects corrected, and the garage or repair man will be allowed five days to get a duplicate card mailed back to headquarters to indicate that the adjustments ordered have been made. But if the adjustments are not made within the 48 hours allowed, the garage signifying that the adjustments have been made, an officer will be sent to investigate," said Captain Farmer.

"We are not going to give our men any instructions with regard to speed or speeding," Captain Farmer continued, "because there are times when it is about as safe to run 55 miles an hour as it would be to drive 30 miles under other circumstances. Thus our men will be instructed to curb speed only when it becomes dangerous to the driver and to traffic. We will, of course, go after reckless drives and drunken drivers with everything we have, since they are the real menaces."

Drunken drivers can expect no mercy whatever from the highway patrol, according to Captain Farmer, who says drastic regulations

are being drawn to eliminate these death-dealing drivers from the highways.

"But the drivers who want to know the law and carry it out have nothing to fear from the pa-

trolmen, but will rather look upon them as the best friends they have on the road," says Captain Farmer. "If a driver runs out of gasoline, the patrolman will either go and get the gas for him or see

that it is sent to him. Or if a woman driver has tire trouble, the patrolman will change the tire for her or give any other assistance needed. We want to make service the watchword of the patrol."

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