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MONDAY, JULY 1, 1929

TWINKLES

News about governmental affairs and tax matters do not receive the sensational headlines given other types of news, but tell us not that the announcement of County Manager A. E. Cline, that the Cleveland county tax rate is to be slashed about 15 cents, is not one of the most pleasing news items in several weeks.

AN ELECTION BOOMERANG.

RECALLING THAT THERE were numerous females in North Carolina last fall who said they could not vote for Al Smith because his wife, plain Katie Dunn before she became one of the Smiths, "could not grace the White House in keeping with past traditions," The Stanly News-Herald wonders: "Well, we are just wondering what these same Southern ladies think of the way Mrs. Hoover is gracing the home of the President of the United States?"

FATHERS LOVE, TOO.

DADS ARE NOT CREDITED, and rightfully so, perhaps, with having an affection for their offspring equalling a mother's love, but nevertheless a father does have, hidden under the stoical manner man must cultivate to hide what is considered a weakness for men to exhibit, his feeling, a great love and affection for his children. Because generation after generation of men, cultivated to show strength in that respect, have borne their griefs without an outward display of emotion, we often wonder if fathers at times have not suffered more poignant grief over the loss of children than have mothers.

We present a little chapter out of life's book of joys and sorrows to substantiate that wonder.

Up in New York a week ago tonight three men entered a deserted lobby of a small hotel. They demanded entrance to a certain room. The young clerk, steadfast to his trust, refused. Bang! Bang! Guns flashed. The youthful clerk fell to the floor dying.

At the morgue they found an address in the pocket of the dead informing that his home was near the town of Clinton, in North Carolina. Then a wire was forwarded to the rural address. A stricken mother and father decided that "we want to bury Willie in his native soil. He was a restless kind of a boy and wandered much, but he'll rest better back at home."

Then Wednesday sophisticated New Yorkers witnessed a sight unusual to them.

A mud-spattered hearse driven by a young man with an elderly man beside him upon the driver's seat pulled up before the undertaking establishment in the shadow of the towering New York skyscrapers.

The elderly man, somewhat uncomfortable and warm in his "store clothes," climbed out, entered the funeral parlor, and informed one of the attendants there, "I've come to take Willie home."

Late Thursday afternoon the borrowed hearse rolled back into the little churchyard near Clinton and "Willie" was buried in native soil.

The father, grieved over the loss of his first-born, and "Willie's" kid brother, had stoically concealed their grief, borrowed a hearse, and had driven night and day for 1,168 miles to bring "Willie" back home.

An incident just a week or two after Father's day which shows that the day should mean more to the majority of us than it does.

UP IN OLD VIRGINIA.

POLITICIANS, AND THOSE interested in politics and that covers nearly all of the citizenship—hereabouts are keeping a weather eye peeled upon political developments in Virginia, a subject, you will recall, that The Star has discussed upon previous occasions.

Now, however, the situation there has reached such a stage that Democrats, Hoovercrats, Smithites, Anti-Smithites, and Republicans are eagerly awaiting future developments. The anti-Smith group in Virginia, now termed there as the Cannonites, some time back, as was recorded in the news columns, nominated Dr. Brown, an instructor in a Virginia college, as their candidate for governor to oppose the regular Democratic gubernatorial nominee. Then the Virginia Republicans held their convention and endorsed Dr. Brown as their candidate.

On the surface at first glance it seemed as if it was a strong coalition or fusion with both the Republicans and the anti-Smith group united behind the same candidate, but the wise boys among the political dopesters are about ready to express the belief now that the coalition really weakened the fight against the regular Democratic organization. Somehow we hold a similar view. Undoubtedly there are numerous Virginia citizens who left the party last year because of the presidential candidate who would have remained in a state of rebellion and voted for an out-and-out anti-Smith Democrat. But whether they will so readily follow the leadership of a candidate who is also receiving the full vote of the Republican voters is doubtful. The break from the party is still too fresh for men who were Democrats just a year ago to line up, shoulder to shoulder, with the Republicans, for should Dr. Brown be elected he will go down in the record

books as a Republican governor. Of course the anti-Smith group nominated him first, but young Dr. Brown climbed upon the stage at the Republican convention and became conspicuous even before the G. O. P. gathering announced their willingness to rally behind him to defeat the Democratic nominee. Supposedly neutral observers admit that the anti-Smith-Republican coalition may defeat the regular Democratic forces in the approaching ballot battle and such may happen, but we contend that the total vote given the coalition candidate will not be so large as might have been the combined vote given two candidates individually, one a Republican candidate and the other an anti-Smith candidate. Men who have voted the Democratic ticket for years will not place upon their shoulders the Republican label as readily as they have and would have the anti-Smith label. If you catch our meaning.

That the coalition may win is not such an outlandish prophecy, Democratic affairs are none too well settled in Virginia. There is and has been for years much talk of "the ring"—one of those political mechanisms, you know, the folks thought existed in North Carolina until Senator Furnifold Simmons came along last fall and told the world that talk of a "ring" in North Carolina was all tommyrot. Such being the situation there we understand how a revolt may be successful in its ambitions. On the other hand developments of recent weeks have done much to put a damper upon the revolting spirit, observers inform. First of all, the DePriest-White House tea incident did not add any impetus to the Democratic bolt. Then Bishop Cannon's "installment" splurge in the stock market proved a good boomerang for the Democratic regulars for Bishop Cannon has been the leader in throwing rocks at Senator Carter Glass, and when you toss rocks at glass houses they occasionally fly back and smash your own windows when they are glass.

It certainly is an interesting situation to gaze upon, but in North Carolina we should not be a bit peeved because we are on the sidelines.

WILL WE PAY 5c FOR LIFE AND HEALTH?

WILL THE TAX PAYERS of Cleveland County stand for a levy of five cents on the \$100 property valuation, the proceeds from such tax to be applied strictly and solely in the interest of the health and life of her citizens? The Duke Foundation has offered to give the county \$25,000 to make a needed addition to the local hospital, provided an equal amount is spent on the enlargement which together will provide a \$50,000 unit, costing the local citizens just half that amount.

Then the State Board of Health at Raleigh has a fund with which to foster health work in the 100 counties in North Carolina. There is available \$3,750 annually from the state to the county, provided we match the sum to provide a county health officer and county nurse whose duties it will be at all times to teach health and sanitation, conduct clinics, administer unto the poor who are sick and unable to pay for medical and nursing attention. Forty two of the 100 counties of the state are now providing this humane service to their citizens. Of course, cases will be found where medicines and dressings are necessary and to properly conduct the health work, more money will be necessary than the bare salary of the health nurse. The employment of the health heads, salary and oversight of the work will be under the control of the County Commissioners. North Carolina has the highest birth rate of any state in the union, but the death rate is also the highest, and right here in Cleveland, our share of lives are sacrificed for want of proper attention and lack of knowledge of the laws of health and sanitation.

As for the Duke Hospitalization Fund of \$25,000, an equal amount must be raised shortly. The need of a larger institution is too well known to discuss.

The Duke Hospital fund can be matched and the county-wide health and nurse work carried on by a general tax levy of 5c on the \$100 property valuation. Two or three years would discharge the Hospital obligation, so it is possible for the 5c levy to be lowered or suspended entirely.

It is now certain that the tax rate in Cleveland county will be 15c on the \$100 lower than last year. This reduction is made possible by an increase in the state school equalization fund and by the additional tax of one cent per gallon on gasolene. This tax relief comes off of real estate and is placed on gas and corporations.

Now, if the case has been stated clearly, would the tax payers of Cleveland county be willing for the commissioners to make this net reduction in the rate only 10c instead of 15c, and with the 5c difference, provide the money to match the Duke gift for the hospital and institute the health work in Cleveland county. It is thought that this can be worked out, but the county commissioners know the attitude of the tax payers toward tax reduction and have been striving for years to bring down the rate. Last year three cents, was taken off. This year 15c looks good, but would the tax payers stand for only 10c provided the health work and hospital are taken care of.

Our commissioners are servants of the people, conscientious men with their fingers always on the pulse of the people and anxious to carry on for better citizenship and a better county. We feel sure that they would like to know your attitude in the matter. Think it over and give them an expression of your views. Talk to your neighbors and find out whether they wish to demand the entire 15c reduction and lose the outside help for health and hospital, or leave 5c of the levy on, making a net reduction of only 10c, and provide a large hospital and health work in the county.

B. P. Dixon, Variety Farmer Prospers

(Alvin Hardin, County Agent.)

Mr. B. P. Dixon of Kings Mountain believes in growing a big variety of crops, not only does he believe in growing a variety but he believes in growing enough of each variety to have some for sale. I asked Mr. Dixon to mention some of the things he had sold within the last twelve months and he said, "I

have sold syrup, seed corn, barley, oats, wheat, rye, peas, crimson clover seed, cotton, cotton seed for planting purposes, milling corn, garden crops, straw, hay, meat, pigs, eggs, poultry, milk cows, cream, etc." Mr. Dixon owns a small farm and cultivates less than forty acres.

The Republican party is seventy-five years old. The Democratic party is much older, and last November it looked its age.—Hartford Courant.

AUDIT of CITY of SHELBY, N. C.

JUNE 1 - 1927 TO MAY 31 - 1929

GENERAL FUND

Administration and Finance

Receipts		Disbursements	
6-1-27	6-1-28	6-1-27	6-1-28
8-31-28	8-31-29	8-31-28	8-31-29
1925 taxes	34.93	Mayor	1,800.00
1926 taxes	21,447.82	Clerk & treasurer	3,175.00
Penalties 1926 taxes	263.66	Aldermen	535.00
1927 taxes	96,703.01	City attorney	100.00
Penalties 1927 taxes	79.07	Janitor	57.00
1928 taxes	103,938.23	Office supplies	818.63
Privilege taxes	5,117.75	Fuel	138.65
Building & Loan Tax	576.84	Telephone	644.28
Bad checks	140.06	Insurance	1,850.95
Phone calls	5.65	Advertising & printing	399.18
Maps	4.00	Tax books	545.79
Auto license	1.25	Legal expenses	718.55
Discount on oil	7.22	Elections	30.00
Certified check returned	50.00	Auditing	885.00
Over & short account	6.37	Tax assessors	765.00
Mayor's salary returned	425.00	Bond premiums	78.00
Water and light deposits	1,700.00	Awards & Damages	114.25
Bills receivable	214.50	Rent (S. A. L. Ry. Co.)	18.00
Bills payable	45,000.00	Gas & oil	95.19
Mortgage payable (B. & L.)	3,000.00	Auto plates	177.59
Payment from sewer improvement fund for extensions prior year	10,000.00	Flowers	55.00
		Firemen's relief fund	28.00
		Loans refunded	201.00
		Refund W. & L. account	3.45
Street & S. & W. assess. fund	2,566.67	Refund W. & L. account	2.76
Electrical imp. fund	187.02	Refund taxes	180.69
Sewer imp. fund	8,587.56	Bad checks	142.85
	7,900.00	Over and short account	7.90
		Refund Mayor's salary	425.00
		Cost sale of taxes	5.00
		Repairing mayor's car	32.45
		Repairing city hall	370.30
		Company "K"	130.00
		Public library	542.00
		Welfare officer	120.00
		Engineering	304.77
		Office fur. & fixtures	91.00
		Contingent	2,707.29
		Interest	2,705.04
		Bonds retired	52,999.59
		Bond interest	69,242.67
		B. & L. installments	1,170.00
		B. & L. interest	405.00
		Mayor's car	2,298.99
		Garage	1,853.45
		Refund W. & L. deposits	502.50
		Shelby public schools	24,091.10
		Bills payable	13,502.00
		Street & S. & W. assess. fund	166.67
		Electrical imp. fund	7,887.99
		Sewer imp. fund	7,900.00
Total (ex. "B")	180,169.77	187,192.96	397,362.73
		Total (ex. "B")	189,641.86

Public Safety

Court costs	1,101.00	2,237.50	3,338.50	Chief police dept.	3,100.00	2,026.00	4,126.00
Salaries (Travelers Ins. Co.)	90.00	90.00	90.00	Patrolmen	5,045.07	6,082.90	11,678.57
Expenses (Firemen's convention)	45.00	45.00	45.00	Traffic expense	7,228.14	840.91	8,069.05
Abattoir	3,913.43	4,531.96	8,445.39	Repairs (Cars & motorcycles)	178.46	178.46	178.46
				Gas & oil	207.56	207.56	207.56
				Expenses convention	40.00	40.00	40.00
				Uniforms	732.28	732.28	732.28
				Supplies & repairs	106.23	106.23	106.23
				Equipment	451.50	451.50	451.50
				Chief fire dept.	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00
				Firemen	2,807.76	2,807.76	2,807.76
				Calls	629.50	1,259.00	1,888.50
				Repair & supplies	619.99	619.99	619.99
				Gas & oil	282.96	282.96	282.96
				Laundry	218.29	218.29	218.29
				Uniforms	226.00	226.00	226.00
				Fire dept. repairs	659.51	659.51	659.51
				Apartment repairs	627.12	627.12	627.12
				Expenses convention	312.00	312.00	312.00
				Equipment	1,630.00	1,630.00	1,630.00
				Health officer	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
				Vital statistics	177.00	177.00	177.00
				Sanitary supplies	100.00	100.00	100.00
				Abattoir	8,016.87	8,016.87	8,016.87
				Total (ex. "B")	5,056.43	6,879.46	11,937.89
				Total (ex. "B")	20,008.97	20,212.00	20,212.00

Public Works

Light service	88,609.29	113,221.42	201,830.71	Supt. light dept.	2,069.44	2,019.90	4,089.34
Light material	2,221.94	1,117.40	3,339.34	Labor dept.	6,517.50	5,764.79	12,282.29
Electric inspection	349.60	684.75	1,034.35	Current	45,194.18	56,468.21	101,662.39
Restoration service	143.85	80.00	223.85	Supplies & repairs	11,447.36	4,946.05	16,393.41
Stove connections	610.00	610.00	610.00	Gas & oil	417.84	417.84	417.84
Freight refunded	15.12	15.12	15.12	Stamps & Stationery	178.20	178.20	178.20
Pole rental (So. Bell Tel. Co.)	546.00	546.00	546.00	Refund inspection	1.00	1.00	1.00
Labor (Travelers Ins. Co.)	90.00	90.00	90.00	Equipment	310.00	310.00	310.00
Extensions Transformers	1,994.55	1,994.55	1,994.55	Extensions	10,166.41	10,848.97	21,015.45
Water service	32,843.94	36,829.66	69,673.60	Pole (rental (So. Bell Tel. Co.))	139.73	139.73	139.73
Taps	2,229.70	2,176.03	4,405.73	Supt. water dept.	2,107.59	2,150.45	4,258.01
Meters	2,962.97	2,639.94	5,602.91	Labor dept.	5,918.79	5,958.22	11,877.01
Supplies	628.60	427.05	1,055.74	Current & fuel	2,371.77	3,179.05	5,550.82
Plumbing inspection	330.70	308.50	639.20	Gas and oil	403.24	488.00	891.24
Use fire pump	20.00	20.00	20.00	Stamps and Stationery	178.20	178.20	178.20
Street paving	3,479.25	2,642.35	6,121.58	Supplies	1,706.13	3,135.11	4,841.23
Supplies street dept.	319.70	35.05	354.75	Water tax	96.00	96.00	96.00
Freight refunded	100.00	100.00	100.00	Meters	1,674.68	3,102.43	4,777.11
Labor (Travelers Ins. Co.)	181.00	181.00	181.00	Equipment	101.75	101.75	101.75
Stables	50.00	50.00	50.00	Extensions	7,986.08	7,227.63	15,213.71
Sewer connections	150.00	150.00	150.00	Taps refunded	27.50	27.50	27.50
Cemetery lots	260.00	114.85	374.85				
Old pump (court square)	200.00	200.00	200.00	Supt. street dept.	1,905.29	1,855.50	3,860.79
Rent	72.00	72.00	144.00	Labor dept.	3,480.26	12,444.83	20,225.09
				Maintenance	3,586.90	7,271.95	10,858.85
				Supplies & repairs	4,341.44	4,341.44	4,341.44
				Gas & oil	1,723.55	1,927.10	3,650.65
				Stables	210.02	180.84	390.86
				Equipment	3,511.67	5,166.85	8,678.52
				Extensions	5,128.32	5,128.32	5,128.32
				Sewer extensions	10,407.56	9,343.12	19,750.68
				Court square	237.84	237.84	237.84
				Keeper Cemetery	515.11	790.25	1,305.36