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TWINKLES

How much you get out of your work very frequently depends upon how much you put into it.

A visiting Britisher says that Americans use bad English. Yes they do, and some of the catch is equally terrible.

Nobody needs a correspondence course in will power. Just practice doing nothing when a mosquito bite itches.

Boys will be boys, but in this day and time it appears that old women just will be girls.

Over in England the other day they found a skull two inches thick. There probably was very little difficulty in identifying it as that of a senator.

Some writer says he believes women will eventually control things. It was our impression that they already control everything in sight.

North Carolina authorities report that many cars are found with faulty equipment. Yep, and in some instances the drivers are the faultiest of all.

Signboards cluttering up the highways have always been bad enough, but now we hear that talking signs have been invented. The tourist will probably have to equip himself with ear muffs.

FIGURES NOT NEEDED.

GOVERNOR FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT of New York State is quoted as having said to the governors' conference at New London, Conn., "no one of us has facts or figures at his command to prove that there exists such a thing as a crime problem."

No facts or figures are needed in this respect. A glance at any daily newspaper any day in the week furnishes a record of crime, many of them of the most revolting character. That there is a crime problem cannot be denied. As President Cleveland once said, this is a condition and not a theory. Crime has always existed to some extent, but that it is on the increase is so very evident as to need no proof or discussion. The remedy is another matter entirely.

Legislation is not going to stop crime. An improvement in morals is the only solution and how that is to be brought about is something the average man is not able to devise.

TO BE COMMENDED.

PEOPLE IN OUR neighboring state of South Carolina as a whole do not appear to be inordinately proud of the record made by their chief executive, Governor John G. Richards, since Governor Richards' entire administration has been marked by a series of failures in almost everything he has undertaken. Be that as it may, the people of the adjoining commonwealth will probably be happy over the fact that the governor did not hesitate to tell the heads of the organized labor unions just where they could get off when they attempted to dictate to him.

Organized labor is probably all right in its place, but any man intelligent enough to be elected to a high place in such organization should know that he cannot, with impunity, direct an insulting telegram to the governor of such a great state as is South Carolina. Governor Richards was very abrupt in his reply to the telegram and he had a perfect right to be. The governor expressed himself as being indignant and this indignation was probably shared by all the people of his state.

MR. KISTLER AND OUR ROADS.

THE GREATEST NEED of Cleveland county is the removal of District Highway Commissioner A. M. Kistler, of Morganton, and the placing in his place of a man sympathetic to the needs and interests of the tax payers in the matter of road building. State highway officials already have broader discretionary powers than any other political body in the state and coupled with this is the haughty, arrogant, domineering spirit of our highway commissioner.

In routing No. 18 to Gaffney a route was selected which was not sponsored by citizens of lower Cleveland through which the road traverses. Three other routes were advocated, yet the state selects one which it calls the "direct route," and selects it over all others. In the first place this is not a "direct route" as far as Gaffney and Shelby are concerned. It is more or less direct to the state line and on this point it perhaps got its name.

We do not charge that politics entered into the state's road building program started about eight years ago, but it certainly has this appearance. Gardner was Morrison's strongest opponent eight years ago and when the non-partisan highway board was created, Cleveland was put in a district with a republican commissioner and here we have been all these years. Were we penalized for furnishing strong opposition to Morrison eight years ago? Certainly we did not get the road money we were entitled to.

EASY ENOUGH FOR HIM.

SECRETARY ANDREW MELLON of the Treasury Department would have us believe that the whole country is prosperous and that the American people are in better shape financially than they have ever been. It is not difficult to understand how Mr. Mellon gets that way. News items last week told that Secretary Mellon and his brother, chief owners of the Aluminum Company of America, profited in one day as the result in the rise of the value of that stock, to the extent of \$40,000,000. It is almost inconceivable that any two men could reap forty million dollars profit in one day without lifting a hand, but to further cap the climax, the same two brothers reaped an additional profit of thirty million dollars in the one day as the result of increased stock market quotations of gas and oil shares they held. In other words, the two Mellons, if the figures we have seen quoted are correct, became richer by approximately seventy million dollars within a period of 24 hours and that without doing one thing in the world to earn it.

Certainly it is not remarkable that Mr. Mellon thinks the country is prosperous, but unfortunately for the rank and file of us, we own no aluminum company shares and no gas and oil stocks and we know more about the lack of prosperity in America today than Mr. Mellon can ever hope to learn.

LAW AND MORALITY.

AS WOULD NATURALLY be the case, there has been much discussion of laws, courts and juries since the recent trial of Rafe King at Chester and Shelby and Cleveland county people have by no manner of means agreed in any respect. In this connection a consideration of all laws may be of value.

The law is not purposed to teach morality. The law against taking the life of another without justification, is a law to protect human life. It is not a means of teaching that it is immoral, without justification, to take the life of another.

Very frequently the public becomes confused in this respect. If a man has a high moral character he will not take the life of another unless he feels justified, to the extent that no other course is open to him. He will refrain therefrom, not because it is against the law, but because it is against his own moral principles to do so, provided the proper principles have been instilled into him.

On the contrary, the law and the punishment inflicted by the law may serve to restrain a man wholly devoid of moral principle of any kind and in this respect the law serves to protect society.

If the law is the only thing that keeps man from killing another without justification, no law can serve to teach that man morality.

The American people tend to become confused because so often the result of a man having a strong moral character and the result of a man being afraid of the law are identical up to a certain point if measured objectively.

SELF DECEPTION.

SOME WISE WRITER correctly concludes that while it is a fairly simple thing for any of us to fool the public, it is almost impossible for any man to deceive himself for very long. A man may fool the public, he may fool his friends, he may fool his family, but he can't fool himself.

He has to live with himself 24 hours every day in the year. He can't get away from himself and no matter what people may think he is, no matter how successful he may be in making people believe he is something he isn't, he himself will always know just exactly what he is.

Some men know this. Some of them think of it. Some of them are just selfish enough to want to think well of themselves and to know that they deserve the respect of others and they so conduct themselves that they can thoroughly enjoy self respect.

That is enlightened selfishness and it is the kind of selfishness that the world can well stand for it makes men good because they want to be good and that beats being good because you are forced to be good.

The hypocrite can't really be very happy. People may think he is. They may think he is all he pretends to be. He may lead in prayer, say grace before meals, pose as a pious Christian citizen and still rob and cheat his fellow man. He may keep on fooling his fellow churchmen, but he can't very well fool himself for any great length of time and above all, he can't fool his God.

When he gets through his day's labors during the course of which he has been engaged in fooling his friends, and then gets through fooling his neighbors at church, he still has to deal with himself and when he retires to his couch he knows that he is going to sleep with a robber, a thief, a liar, a cheat and a hypocrite. And he knows very well that all the ingenuity of hell can't separate him from that hypocrisy.

No man can be truly happy unless he be at peace with himself, knowing absolutely that he is all he pretends to be and what he wants others to believe him to be; that constitutes real happiness.

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(Special to The Star.)
Owing to the illness of our pastor, Rev. J. W. Suttle, Mr. Archie Parker, a Wake Forest student supplied for him last Sunday. His message was thoroughly enjoyed by all. He was entertained in the home of Mr. J. C. Washburn.

Promotion day was observed in the B. Y. P. U. last Sunday night in the closing exercise. It was a very enjoyable occasion as well as being

necessary to the best work in B. Y. P. U.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Greene and children, Jimmie and Irene, spent the week end in Brevard visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones.

Mrs. D. G. Washburn and daughter, Sarah Louise, spent a few days the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Washburn in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Odus McSwain and children, from the Pleasant Ridge community visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hembree Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Padgett and baby, from Cliffside, visited Mrs. Elijah Brooks Sunday afternoon.

Mr. A. V. Washburn and A. V. jr. spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Washburn

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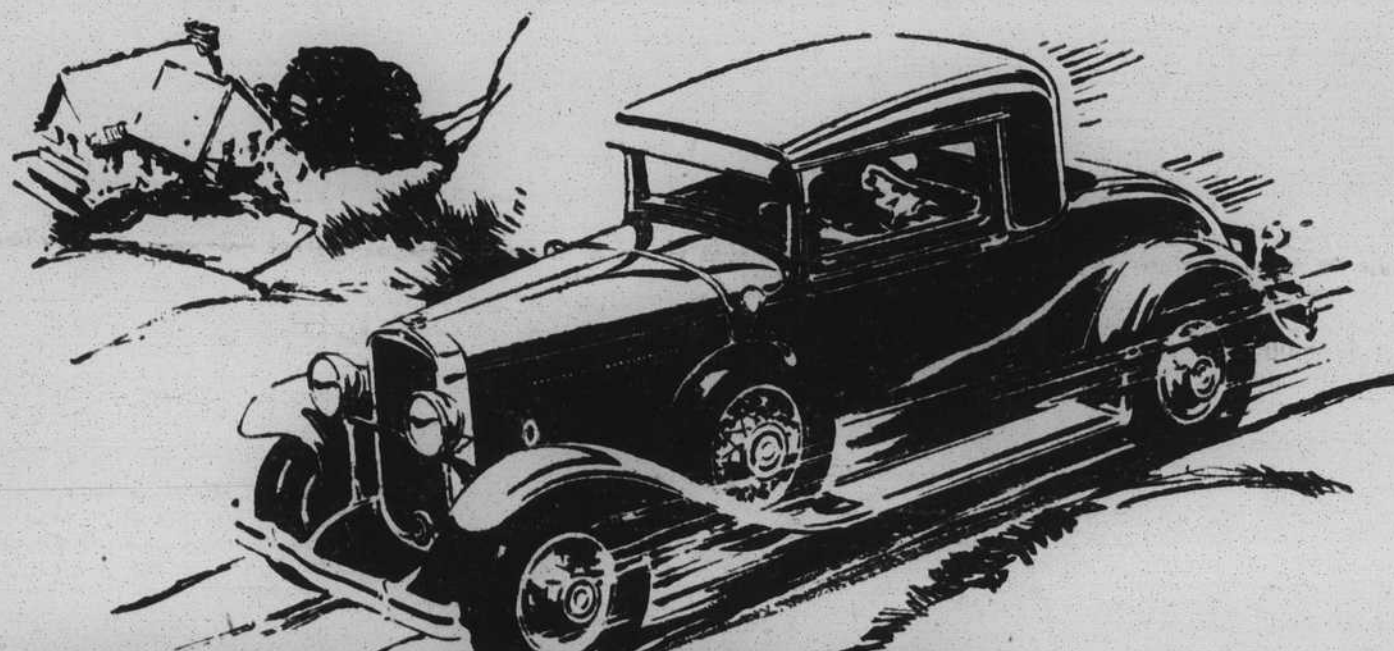
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