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TWINKLES

"Contrariness in Children Is Being Studied," informs headline. In the old days, they just whaled it out.

The world series is now on but it is noticeable that radio's revolution has decreased interest in the baseball classic as it has brought the big fall football games to the fans who could not witness them.

Readers, we hope, did not overlook Gee McGee's recent lig at North Carolina's late lamented real estate boom. Here's what he said, for fear some did miss it: "But after all, North Carolina is a wonderful state even if a thousand dollar lot in the western belt can be had for the taxes."

Tobacco farmers in Eastern Carolina are being paid almost nothing for their tobacco, yet cigarette smokers the world over began last week to pay more for their smokes. Had a Democrat been elected president this peculiar situation would have been accredited to him. But perhaps it is all because Mr. Hoover's good friends on the Methodist Temperance Board have denounced the cigarette as an evil.

FIVE NO CANDIDATES AT ALL IN THIS SECTION

ONE OF the next political settos in this section which will draw much interest and more candidates will be the primary next Spring which will nominate Judge James L. Webb's successor on the Superior court bench. Discussing probabilities, likelihoods, and rumors, The Lenoir News-Topic remarks:

"Well, it doesn't take the boys long to get in line. Judge Jim Webb has announced he will not stand for re-nomination and the names begin to fly. There are Wilson Warlick, of Newton, and A. L. Quickel, of Lincolnton, both definitely in the field. Hickory will probably offer C. W. Bigby or Marshall H. Yount. Morganton has Sam Ervin. Shelby would be timid, but doubtless she has her offering; and the scales of the legal piano in Lenoir could be run with reasonable ease."

And to that The Greensboro News adds: "When it comes to candidates, five isn't a line: it's just a beginning."

The News is right, as usual. Five candidates are no candidates at all in this neck of the woods where a political race isn't considered a bit peppy unless at least a dozen hats are stacked up in the ring. Shelby may be timid about her entries, as The News-Topic says—timid enough, from what we hear, to have a couple of contestants.

BROWSING OVER A FEW MODERN SCHOOL PROBLEMS

CAPT. SMITH, superintendent of the Shelby schools, in a statement made to The Star answers in a very befitting manner the criticism directed against the new school system here because it does not believe in one-session school days during inclement weather, or at any other time. He cites numerous reasons why one-session days are detrimental to progressive school work and then notes that children are not necessarily endangering their health by getting wet on rainy days when two regular sessions are held—they may take their lunches to school with them on threatening days as do some teachers and many of the pupils. As The Star has stated before, there are two sides, of course, to the one-session controversy, but Capt. Smith is to be praised in coming out and stating, as well as explaining, his stand and the reasons therefor. Frankness usually alleviates any situation, if proper reason is employed.

In with other school matters being discussed, it might be noted that Prof. H. M. Loy's article in The Star beseeching patrons to permit school officials to operate the school without outside advice and orders has attracted quite a bit of comment. "Too much outside dictation" Mr. Loy said was one of the big troubles with our present day schools. There, in he was right. Many parents blame a school or a school system for poor discipline as a unit, but immediately buck when the corrective measures they advise for the entire school are applied to their individual children. If the same disciplinary measures were used in school today as were in vogue when present day parents were in school, modern schools should achieve more. Can it be that parents have bluffed modern school officials out of using such disciplinary tactics? And, if so, why—and why kick at scholastic results?

PERHAPS CASH IS JUST ANOTHER SOUTHERNER?

WHEN young Mr. Cash, the Cleveland county product, wrote his second article for the American Mercury and used as his subject "The Mind of the South," he said that one of the basic weaknesses of a Southerner is his inclination to day-dream rather than face the facts.

Speaking of the South he wrote: "Leisure conspires with the languorous climate to the spinning of dreams. . . Everywhere he (the average Southerner) turns away from reality to a gaudy world of his own making. . . Whatever deases him, he counts as real. Whatever does not please him, he holds as non-existent."

As he progressed in the article he swung several nice

uppercuts and a few well-placed jabs at Southern intelligence and culture, using the whole to explain why the recent labor unrest in the South will never prove successful from the radical standpoint. Some of the criticism at his own South was deserved, particularly that part declaring that the Southerner would rather use his imagination than stare in the face of cold facts; but some of the criticism was of the Mencken type, more potent as fine writing than logical reasoning, and naturally The Star expected the youthful writer to get several severe lectures from Southern editors. So far few of these anticipated lectures have been administered. It may be because not many Southern newspapermen read Mencken's magazine, or, if they do read it, they, in a style characteristic of the South, "consider the cource," and overlook such things.

But The Portsmouth (Va.) Star would give the Boiling Springs writer, who has been asked by a prominent publishing firm to broaden out on his "Mind of the South" so that it may be published in book form, a riding for his observations. Says The Virginia editor:

A writer 'a young newspaperman from North Carolina,' contributes an article to the October number of the American Mercury on 'The Mind of the South.' 'When the Southerner has read at all,' says the North Carolina journalist, 'he has read only Scott, or Dumas or Dickens.'

'Possibly, the young North Carolinian's acquaintances include chiefly persons who do not read at all and perhaps it is true that the circle does include those who have confined their reading to Dickens, Dumas and Scott. Of course, he may not care to extend his acquaintance to circles where reading is general and readers are more or less omnivorous.'

'We do not know that such widening of acquaintance would prove beneficial, for the reason that young writers of the type of this callow North Carolinian rarely cares to be hampered by the hard reality of facts when lubricating for print.'

And in turn, the writer who said that Southerners would rather not face the realities of life is informed that he himself is one who overlooks the realities in order to make writing material. That indictment seems to be a boost for Mr. Cash. He must have turned out a good interpretation of the Southern mind in that he is a Southerner and is branded mentally as of the same type of person he describes the average Southerner to be.

Epworth Leaguers In First Meeting Here

Words Of Welcome At Central Methodist By Miss Marietta Hoyle. Groce Speaks.

The Gastonia Epworth league district union held its first district meeting for the new league year at Central Methodist church, Shelby, Friday night, Oct. 4. Marietta Hoyle, president of the Central league, gave the words of welcome, after which a beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Douglas. The worship program was led by V. C. Masqu, Jr., president of the district union,

who presented Rev. J. C. Groce, of Belmont, president of the Western North Carolina conference. Mr. Groce spoke in an interesting way on Epworth league work, emphasizing the wonderful work that had been done by the leaguers in the young people's revivals and what might be accomplished. His address was very inspiring. It showed that Mr. Groce had gone rather deeply into the survey of the league work and knew just what he wanted to say.

After the worship program, the president of the district conducted a short business session. Mr. Mason called for a report from the county unions of the district. Paul Kennedy gave a very interesting account of

the programs and work of the Gaston county union. Miss Mary Ellen Lee spoke of the accomplishments and plans of the Cleveland county union.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the leaguers enjoyed a delightful social hour.

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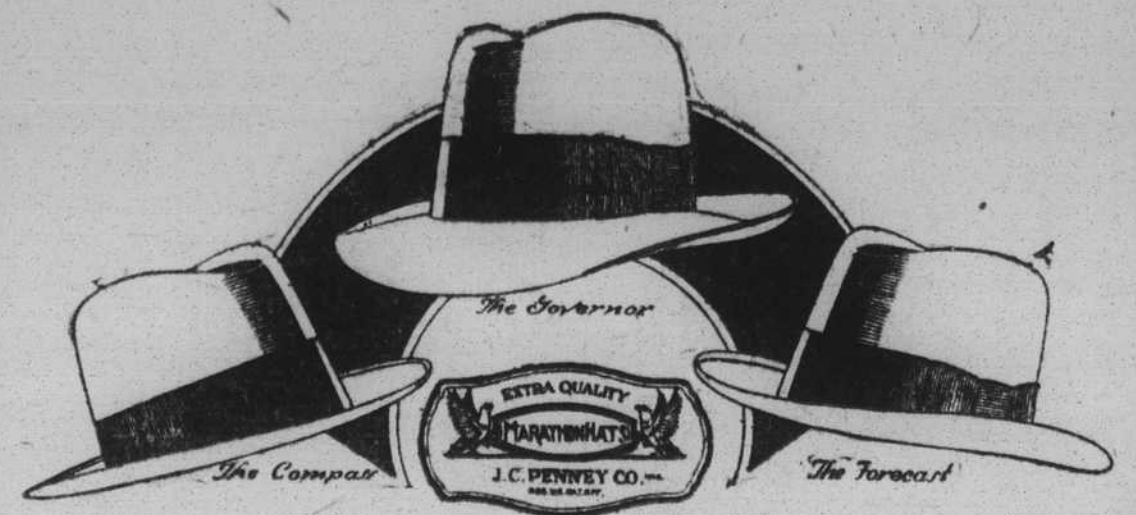
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