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TWINKLES

If you're not suffering with indigestion today, then you have something left, even if it's not to eat, for which to be thankful.

Dorothy Dix, who is usually very staid and conservative in solving the world's love problems, is stepping near dangerous ground. In a recent article she advised young men that a widow makes the best wife of all because she has had experience. That advice comes very near being similar to the declarations of very modern writers on sex who say that the young people should get their experience along several lines before hooking up for life. Occasionally extremes swing so far around that they near reach the same point.

The Lenoir News-Topic is hoping that J. C. B. Ehringhaus changes his name if he remains in the 1932 gubernatorial contest. And it was only last year during the campaign that The Star, agreeing with numerous Shelby people who heard the Elizabeth City man speak, declared that his name was about the only thing that could keep Ehringhaus from being Governor Gardner's successor. The Ehringhaus personality and name are no more mates than were Charlie Chaplin and his first wife, or, for that matter, any of the others.

TO GET US STRAIGHT FOR DEFENDING THE COTTON FARMER

A RALEIGH man, connected with a cotton association, in a communication to The News and Observer and to The Star takes The Star to task for its vast ignorance concerning the Federal farm board, his article being in the nature of a reply to an editorial The Star published regarding a statement made by a farm board member. The Star may know very little of the aims and methods of the farm board and this paper certainly did not offer the remarks made primarily as a criticism of the farm board but more in the nature of a defense for the cotton farmer concerning whom we do know something regardless of the interested Raleigh man's opinions. This particular farm board member declared that "the farmer is foolish who accepts 16 cents per pound for his cotton," and all this paper had to say was that perhaps the farmer knew he was foolish but when a cotton farmer has to meet his fertilizer bills and other expense accounts in the fall of the year there is little else to do but sell the cotton at whatever price prevails and meet those demands. It may not be good business, and the farmer, our guess is, would swing onto his cotton for better prices if he could, but because circumstances are such that many of them cannot is no excuse for calling them "foolish." And to that statement we stick regardless of what the agricultural experts in the cities and on the farm boards may think or say.

WATCHING THE SKIRTS IN THE COMIC STRIPS

SOME years back some of the press agents in ballyhooing the comic strips wherein sweet girlish things are central characters stated that modern woman might keep up with the latest in style by watching how the comic artists dressed their girls. And seemingly the ballyhoo was well supported. Or, rather, it was until the long skirt edict came along, for since that time only one comic strip in which a flapper features, "Tillie the Toiler," as we have observed, has shown the girl in long skirts. "Boots" of "Boots and her Buddies" not only has remained in short skirts but stepped a bit the other way last week by staging a pajamas scene with the pajamas not all the way on or off. "Etta Kett" is still breaking hearts and dates while attired in short skirts, and "Gussie," still worrying poor, obedient "Gus," hasn't as yet taken to long skirts. "Tillie the Toiler" has taken to the new style, as stated above, but in her first appearance in one of the long skirts the artist managed to seat her, in the closing scene, at her desk and—well, the long skirt did not seriously hamper the exhibition.

It's a tough break for the strip artists, if they do follow this latest style ruling, for, judging by the "funnies" mentioned above, they'll have to work out new themes for their daily strips when legs again become only mysterious limbs hidden behind the swish of long skirts.

MONEY GOING OUT FASTER THAN IT COMES IN

ON THE day after The Star published the last ginning report for the county, showing that Cleveland had ginned 40,000 bales of cotton to November 14, a citizen stopped a member of The Star staff on the street and stated that in a discussion down street it was the opinion that The Star had made an error.

"Surely you're wrong about it," he said. "That's more than we ginned to the same date last year, and where can the money be?"

Of course that question was not answered in a twinkling, not in philosophical manner, because that same problem is state-wide and nation-wide. Sarcastic Democrats will tell you that the "mythical Hoover prosperity" is the answer, but that doesn't go very far. Thinking it over The Star is inclined to believe that a short paragraph in a recent issue

of The Yorkville Enquirer contains the answer. That paragraph goes like this:

"Add to what we pay out for dairy products, for eggs, for meats, for canned goods, feedstuffs, the amount we are paying for automobiles, gasolines, oils, tires, tubes, accessories, garage charges—twice the value of our cotton crop, plus \$7,000,000 in one year—all of which we can produce in this state except the automobiles, oils, gasoline, etc., and then can anyone have the nerve to say that times are hard?"

Think it over. Then recall that Cleveland county farmers send a big percentage of their cotton money out of the county to purchase hay and feedstuffs, beef, mutton, wheat, Irish potatoes and many other things which could be produced here. Likewise Cleveland county is among the 10 leading counties in North Carolina in automobile ownership. A rather big investment there not to speak of the operating cost, gas, oil and repairs. Often one hears a salaried man say that he doesn't have any more money of a \$75 per week salary than when he made \$20. The answer to that is that he broadens his spending budget with every raise. And it may be that Cleveland county purchases a little better make of automobile, where it is seen that a larger cotton crop is coming in. Perhaps that's why some wonder where the money is in this year when the county seems destined to make a record crop of 60,000 bales.

TIME AGAIN TO HELP THE FATHERLESS AND POOR OF SHELBY

THE SEASON of the year approaches when the entire world honors the creator of the statement "It is better to give than to receive" and in keeping with an annual Christmas season custom The Star announces today that its Christmas Stocking Fund for the poor of Shelby will be hung out next week.

Times, one hears on every hand, are not so good, and when times are hard in the homes of the wealthy and middle class people, think what they must be in the homes of the poor?

Already since the arrival of cool weather welfare officials here have been receiving many appeals for aid—coal, clothing, food, shoes. These appeals will grow in number as the weeks pass and as Christmas nears. Many of us, most of us, in fact, will spend a big portion of the few weeks ahead planning our own gifts to close friends and relatives and in general preparation for the most joyous event of the year, but in all this bustle for our big season can we not afford to give up a few of our own toys, playthings and luxuries so that in unfortunate Shelby homes there may be something to eat and wear? Surely.

Giving is an integral factor of the Christmas spirit, and about Shelby there are many unfortunates to receive.

As civic club representatives, ministers and others on The Star's Christmas fund committee proceed with their investigation of conditions some of the unfortunate homes in the city and their needs will be related to the public. There are many pitiful stories in actual life about Shelby.

This week the welfare officer here received a letter from a mother who seems to have more than her share of life's burdens. Her husband is out on the chain gang here paying society for having violated its laws, but this same civilization has no definite method of taking care of his family while he pays. This mother has seven little children who need shoes and clothing and something to eat. The bitterest portion of the year is just ahead, and this poor mother cannot even do her bit to feed her seven children because she is expecting the eighth child. "Won't you, please, do something to help me," she wrote. "We are in a terrible condition. The kids and myself can't help being where we are. We must have help." This county has limited amount of money for welfare work and appeals like that above are many during the winter. Christmas will not be much of an occasion in the home cited above unless someone helps, and there are many homes like that and worse to be helped. The Star's Christmas fund, as those know who have contributed before and helped distribute actual necessities of life, has made scores of people feel more determined to fight out life's struggles. This year is another opportunity; they will be with us always to ask our assistance, these unfortunates.

Don't delay your gift. The committee canvassing the town and distributing the necessities purchased through the fund will want a little time for their own Christmas. They along with The Star, get nothing out of it except the cheer which comes from helping those no longer able, some of them temporarily, of helping themselves. Send in your contribution right away.

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