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TWINKLES

When are you going to do your bit in making it a real Christmas for all Shelby by contributing to The Star's Christmas Stocking Fund?

Gastonia reports that a Sabbatical calm descended over that city on Thanksgiving day. A similar calm was evident here, but still it wasn't just that for not a single person was injured or killed in highway accidents during the day.

Forest City, the growing Rutherford town next door to Shelby on the west, is to have a new textile plant soon. At the rate that town has been growing of recent years Shelby will have to keep stepping to remain larger in size than her neighbor.

North Carolina Presbyterians should have collected their Barium Springs orphanage contributions on the day after Thanksgiving, for then many of them might have gone deeper in their pockets after seeing or hearing what that Barium Springs orphan on the Davidson football eleven, Capt. Brock, did for the Presbyterian college with his spectacular 102-yard run.

MAY HAVE A REASON

SOME of the big Eastern papers consider the South narrow minded and ignorant because this section does not seem overjoyed at the prospect of having its labor unionized. Perhaps the critical writers overlooked the recent special article in The New York world stating that four of the big unions there are controlled by crime organizations, or "rackets" as such are termed in the big cities. Mayhags, after all, the South isn't so dumb.

PERILS IN SPEED

IT HAS been suggested frequently, of late, that automobile traffic can move rapidly without thereby becoming more dangerous. A number of states and cities, in consequence, have greatly raised their speed limits.

Now, however, the traffic director Cleveland, O., points out that Cleveland is having nearly twice as many traffic fatalities as it had before it boosted its speed limit from 25 miles an hour to 35.

To be sure, he blames part of this on an insufficient staff of motorcycle police. But the figures make it quite obvious that faster traffic does carry with it greater dangers. It might be just as well to stick to the old speed laws a little while longer. Perhaps, instead of loosening them, we ought to tighten them.

WORLD NOT SO BAD

A COUPLE of incidents taking place on Thanksgiving day, as reported in the news, make it plain that the world isn't so hardhearted despite a stock market crash in a hurrying jazz age. In New York city a middle-aged woman was in the hospital and seemed sure to die unless she secured a pint of blood by transfusion. A radio announcer told his air audience of her plight and 70 people, coming from all walks of life, gave up their Thanksgiving dinner and hurried to the hospital to give the required blood from their veins. In Glassboro, New Jersey, an aged couple was about to be evicted from the home in which they had lived since being married because the husband, far up in years, had been injured and was unable to pay off the mortgage. Thanksgiving threatened to be a heart breaking day for the old folks but in the early mail came a letter stating that the writer had purchased the mortgage from the owner and would permit them to live their days out in their home of a life-time. The writer did not sign his name and the happy, gray-haired couple—the husband injured and the wife near blind—did not know just who to thank as they offered their Thanksgiving prayers to the Creator who made such men.

SAYS AMERICA SEEKING GOOD SIDE OF LIFE NOW INSTEAD OF MONEY

THE rush for money is generally supposed to be fatal to the finer aspects of culture. One who devotes himself to getting rich is not supposed to be in a good position to develop creative ability in the arts.

But no less an authority than Charles Hanson Towne writes in Harper's Bazaar that prosperity and world leadership are now doing for the United States what they formerly did for Greece, for Rome and for Victorian England—slowing down the mad hurry and scramble for money and making us a happier and more cultured people.

In other words, history is repeating itself. The great periods of creative achievement and leisurely contentment in any nation's life nearly always follow periods of unprecedented prosperity and wealth.

"Thrift and shrewdness are all right in their way," Mr. Towne. "But it is good to see Americans taking things more easily than they did of old. A sensible gift for leisure is now manifest in our national life. We have discovered that the rush and turmoil which were about to kill us are giving way to a sane and vigorous discovery of the fact that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

"Crowds interest me. I never go to the theater but I wonder what my neighbors' names may be, where they live, how they manage and what they do when they are not thus on parade. The average man in the street, the woman one meets in shops, the clerk in the subway, the girl with her book, the face glimpsed in a taxi—all of these are doing just what you and I are doing, striving for just three things, food, shelter and clothing. Most of us get what we seek. And having achieved the three essentials, there enters the desire for what Stevenson called the little superfluities of life—the glamour, the garnishing of the dish, the glint that makes possible the bearing of the common burden."

In other words, we have reached the point where we can afford to give more time to the pleasant side of life—and we are making the most of it.

GASTONIA PAPER NOMINATES JUDGE HERE FOR BIG COURT

SEVERAL of the papers in the state have commented upon The Star's notation that Recorder Horace Kennedy, who

may not seek office again, has been criticised because he refuses to try cases out of court and also to change sentences after he leaves the court room. One or two of the papers, all of which have been complimentary in their remarks about his methods, seem to be under the impression that he is not a candidate again because of this criticism. That impression is erroneous, for, as The Star said at the first mention of this criticism, his method of conducting court would undoubtedly cause him to be returned to the bench, if he cared to, by the citizens of Cleveland. Furthermore, he is seemingly not of the type to be criticised out of a race by the type which would offer the criticism noted above. If he does not seek the judgeship again it will be for the reason that he believes that there is more remuneration in the private practice of law.

The Gastonia Gazette in commenting upon the criticism reported by The Star nominates the youthful recorder for the Superior court bench as follows:

"One of our chief adverse criticisms of many North Carolina superior court judges has been that, after hearing evidence against a criminal, receiving the jury's verdict of guilty and passing sentence on the defendant, they often lighten the sentence after listening to the attorneys and friends of the defendant in private. We know some judges who, in passing sentences in open court, are like roaring lions, apparently as-hard-boiled as "they make 'em," but who, before adjourning a term of court, change a large percentage of the sentences they have imposed. Perhaps in rare instances such change of heart is justified, but not often, we opine. Such action on the part of a judge, certainly when it has become an established custom with him, tends to bring both the judge and the court as a whole into disrepute.

"The criminal as well as the man on the outside develops something of a feeling of contempt for such procedure. They come to one of two conclusions: That the judge in question uses very poor judgment in passing sentences; or, he is too "soft-hearted," to be a judge, charged with dispensing even-handed justice and protecting the interests of society as well as those of the criminal at the bar.

"In view of this situation it is refreshing to find, even occasionally, a judge of a different type. One such is County Judge, or Recorder Horace Kennedy, of Cleveland county, and we hereby nominate him for a place on the Superior court bench of North Carolina."

Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE—



It Served Us Right.

A few days ago, I dropped into an eating place for lunch. Pretty soon a good looking girl dropped in for soup also, and as luck would have it, she was escorted by the head hash-disher to my table, and there we were: a strange lady at a table with a strange man, and a strange man at a table with a strange lady but neither of us wanted to be strange.

Well, to make a short story shorter, I said: "Why, how you both?" and she replied: "Very good, thanks: how are you all?" and from that we got started. I found out where she was not from and she gathered the same information from me. . . as it later developed, I ordered creamed chicken and she ordered creamed turkey. So far as I know, it came out of the same pot.

But I am no cook except eggs, fried and boiled, but I assumed that possibly her mother was or had been, so I up and says: "How in the world do you know the difference between creamed turkey and creamed chicken?" and she said "that is easy" and explained that creamed chicken smelt like creamed turkey and vice versa. I told her I had never tasted any vice-versa, but had practiced a little bit of vice in my youth, all of which she paid no attention to.

And that led up to the discussion of foods generally. . . I still felt that both of us were eating meat from the same old rooster, but she went on and said that there were other ways to tell creamed chicken from creamed turkey, for instance: turkey feathers are longer than chicken feathers, but I saw none of either in my plate, but believed that she knew what she was talking about. . . as she looked like a school teacher.

The conversation drifted from fowls to cake and coffee, both of which I am fond of as well as girls; and she seemed to be just a novice concerning the latter, she being only about 35 years old at her last 19th birthday, and naturally knew very little about coffee. She appeared to think it and young men callers would keep her awake at night, but I think she was wrong about coffee. If she didn't but know it.

We apparently liked one another pretty well until she brought up the subject of matrimony, and believe I thought, I said something about my baby, and you should have seen her face become full of regrets. It was a pity that she could not continue to feel free and liberal toward me, and then both of us ordered some ice cream. . . which they did not have, so we asked the waiter just to substitute apple pie a la Mode. . . which was also but, or never was there at all. I told this girl that I would write up something like about her and have it put in the paper, so this is it. But we both enjoyed our creamed beef and bologna, as that is what the stuff we ate was, according to the bones we did not find in same.

Mike At The County Fair.

flat rock, s. C. dec the 2, 1925. dear mr. editor: there seems to be so much talk both pro and con about the county fairs which is being held all over the country these days, I thought I would rite you my views on same and you can print it if you think it will help the public to make up her mind where it helps the farmer.

I paid my c25 to get in the gate and the man seemed satisfied a. k. but before I got my bounty, a little man tried to make me throw some balls at 3 bottles of milk he set on a box for c5 for 3 balls and I missed them onner count of the balls being too light and the bottles setting like they was, so I moved on.

I shot a air rifle at some red tags on a plank and missed them, and when I turned around to go on about my bizness, one of them gipsy wimmen ketched me by my coat tail and led me into a room made out of rugs a-hanging all around and she shut us up in there and commenced to examine my hand ansforth and got c50 out my pocket some way and told me about a dark haired woman and me swinging so much land and I was happy and would soon get married and have 5 chillun, which was all a lie as I have been married 24 yr. already, and ain't got no land and chillun.

the ballance of the fair seemed to be composed of hot dog joints and eating calfs and a bingo stand now and then and a monkey which rode a motor sickle by his self and he looked so smart, I just felt like he ought to be in the legislature. he saw me eating goobers and he took up eating goobers also, and I got ashamed and quit and left him.

they had some free acts which I saw after waiting 2 hours with a big fat woman standing on my left foot and I was nearly squeeze to death by others equally as anxious to see what was going on and couldnt do so, and then me and a girl happened to get on the flying jenny and I didnt know her, but she made like she was a friend of mine and tried to hug me and I found out right then that she had been put up to it, and I jumped off of my horse and lit out as I saw my wife coming in the place, but it turned out not to be her.

well, I enjoyed the fair right good, but I done just like most of the other folks there; I did not go into the booths where the corn and arm stuff was, and I also stayed away from the hogs and cattle ansforth as noboddy seemed to be interested in them. fairs is mighty fine to fetch the people together where they can watch the beechy-koo-why and other fine plays which is put on in the tents for c10. now, mr. editor, if this peace is too long, please rite or foam me and I will let you cut it off, but don't leave out nothing if possible. yours truly, mike Clard, -fd.

MAN HAS 5 LIVING WIVES, NO. 1 SETS FORTH IN SUIT

Reno, Nev.—Alleging that her husband, James Millidge Pitts, now somewhere in Georgia, is four times a bigamist, Mrs. Mollie Viola Pitts, filed suit, for divorce here.

Mrs. Pitts set fourth in her complaint that she married Pitts in Clinton, S. C., on May 15, 1909, and that she is the first and legitimate wife. They have one daughter. She alleges that she left her husband in 1913 when he married another woman and that since that time Pitts has wed three other women.

The Free Prescription.

From The Marshallville Home. A man stepped into Tom Broom's office Wednesday and wanted to know what mixture of grass seed to sow on a certain piece of land for permanent pasture. Mr. Broom picked up his pad and wrote him out a prescription and didn't charge a cent for it. The thought occurred to us, why don't more farmers use Tom Broom? When we need medical or legal advice we go to the doctor or lawyer and pay him for his services. Tom Broom is an agricultural specialist and his services are free.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT.

North Carolina, County of Cleveland. In the superior court, Hunt and Hewitt, plaintiffs, vs. Coran C. Wright and D. D. Wright, defendants, and Chancey Dalton, garnishee.

The defendants above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued on the 20th day of November, 1925, against said defendants by the clerk of the superior court of Cleveland county North Carolina, claiming the sum of \$484.08, with interest from October 15, 1927 at the rate of six per cent, representing the balance due on note executed by the defendants to the plaintiffs, and dated May 1, 1927, which summons is returnable on the 31st day of December, 1929, at the office of the clerk of superior court for Cleveland county. The defendants will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said clerk of the superior court on the 21st day of November, 1925, which warrant is returnable on the 31st day of December, 1929, at the time and place named for the return of the summons, when and where the defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted.

This the 21st day of November, 1925. A. M. HAMRICK, Clerk Superior Court. Newton & Newton, Attys.

Paper Says County Judge Here "O. K."

Greensboro News. One learns by way of the Cleveland Star, of Shelby, that Judge Horace Kennedy of the county court may not seek office when his present term ends, apparently because he has not been an altogether popular judge. As to why he may be unpopular you may judge from the Star's own words:

One of the reasons assigned or rather one of the flaws certain portions of the public finds in his style is his method of trying all cases in the court room and refusing to let a plea for sentence changing after court adjourns. . . Along the street—and this may be news to Judge Kennedy—a complaint has been heard that after he leaves the court room and returns to his office he refuses one and all pleas from friends of defendants and their lawyers to sit and listen again as they beseech that so many months be taken off this sentence or so many dollars off this fine.

It is The Star's own opinion that "popping a heavy sentence or a stiff fine on a defendant on the court room for the benefit of court spectators and the records only to

modify the sentence after court is over is, if you think about it seriously, one of the basic reasons why modern courts in this country draw no more respect."

The Daily News knows nothing about Judge Kennedy, but if he is the kind of judge who insists on trying cases in the court room and nowhere else, it is willing to go on record, other things being anywhere near equal, that Judge Kennedy is the kind of Judge needed in Cleveland or any other county. The nature of the practice he will not understand if one can imagine a lawyer button-holing Chief Justice Stacy of the supreme court of North Carolina in a private office and urging him to decide a certain case in such and such a manner.

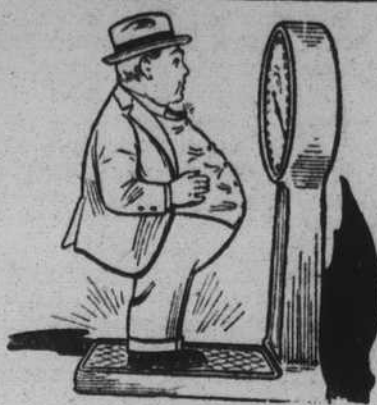
But what a commentary on the judicial processes of the lower courts that a judge is to be commended for doing what anyone with a sense of the fitness of things could not help but do!

One For Good Book Week.

Teacher—Can you tell me anything about John Milton? Student—Well, he got married and wrote "Paradise Lost." Then his wife died, and he wrote "Paradise Regained."

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