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Entered as second class matter January 1, 1905 at the postoffice at Shelby North Carolina under the Act of Congress March 3, 1879. We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4, 1929

### TWINKLES

Along Wall Street nowadays the bulls seem as bare as the bears.

The Greensboro News this week delivered an excellent opinion when it informed The Durham Herald, which was curious to know, that there is about the same difference between "self-respect" and "conceit."

The recent weather cost Cleveland county farmers hundreds of dollars, and because cotton unpicked, and there was much of it before the ice came, is rotting the county may fall shy of the estimated 60,000 bale crop.

One reason why Cleveland politicians are not so anxious to start talking the June primary right now—that is, talking for the public ear—is that by waiting a few weeks they'll not have to purchase so many Christmas remembrances. Kissed for the baby, compliments for the mother, and pats on the back for the old man form a cheaper method of getting votes than Christmas gifts.

The Star Monday published a statement from his attorneys saying that the rumor declaring that John McKnight, one of the defendants in the building crash suits, had deeded over his property, mortgaged it, and otherwise shifted it about to keep from meeting claims should court judgments go against him, was an absolute falsehood. In one way this paper believes the statement uncalled for; this section knows John McKnight well enough to know that the rumor was a drafted lie. No community has an over abundance of John McKnights, and there is no community but what could use a few more real, uncomplaining gentlemen of his type.

### GOOD FOR THE LAWYERS

THE STAR, along with citizens of Cleveland county who do not like any more disputes than become absolutely necessary through the vicissitudes of life, is inclined to congratulate every lawyer concerned in the big building crash suits which were definitely settled this week. The crash was the greatest catastrophe ever to strike this town and everyone knows that not a single person connected in any way with it would have had such a grievous disaster swoop down upon a happy community. Yet, admittedly, there was another angle. Seven people were dead. Somewhere and in some manner somebody depended upon their labors, and in all Shelby and Cleveland county there was sadness over the snuffing out of the seven lives. Had the suits gone to court enmities might have been made which would have lasted for a life-time. Barristers seeking fees and fees alone might have brought about such yet they passed from client to legal foe time and time again seeking to make an adjustment rather than fight it out, and in court here Monday the legal aftermath of a catastrophe which shocked the entire state was settled with the signature of a Superior court judge to the settlement terms. The lawyers of Shelby, for a big percentage of them were employed in the suits which ran into the high thousands, have nothing in their past records, generally speaking, more praiseworthy than their actions in this. All best wishes to them for their procedure which is a credit to their profession, a profession many of the laymen unfairly credit these days as being out for the money.

### IF IT'S STICK, HE'S THE FELLOW FOR THE JOB

PRACTICALLY all of the North Carolina newspapers which do not use canned editorials to express their opinions have offered their opinions concerning the appointment of Odus Mull as executive counsellor to Governor Gardner following the resignation of Judge Nat Townsend. Some have chided Governor Gardner for naming a home-town man to the job, others have expressed their glee that the governor has at last found a job which his pal would accept, while still others have shown their confidence in Shelby's executive by declaring that Governor Gardner knows what he is about.

The Star doesn't deem itself an expert in politics although its first publication day dates farther into the past than the first public office held by Judge Jim Webb, Shelby's veteran and beloved statesman, but it is willing to go on record now that Governor Gardner could not have taken unto himself a better advisor than Odus Mull in that we believe that Tom Bost, as usual, knew his business when he described an executive counsellor as "a shock absorber for the governor." The above remark, or condition, is brought into play because this paper frankly admits that it does not know whether Mull was tendered the position for "keeps" or as a leader for some other political move. The Star, accustomed as it is to political strategy, cannot, and dares not attempt to figure it out. But, as we say above, if Governor Gardner was looking for some person who could stick the job out and come out at the end of four years with him, if so desired, he could not have found a better "shock absorber," for we think that Tom Bost knew exactly how to describe an assistant to a governor of North Carolina. Governor Gardner knows that and knew it when he appointed his fellow-farmer, his fellow-lawyer, and his golf pal. Three men, according to the newspaper boys who give the state its daily ration of politics from Raleigh, have already weakened and caved under from the strain of being assistant governor

and they're wondering how long Mull will last. Our bet is, unless a political move sends him elsewhere, that he will be in Raleigh yelling for more when the fortunate one of a half dozen prospects sends a moving van in to the executive mansion to replace the private furniture Governor Gardner brings home. He's just that manner of a red-haired Irishman, where there's any hair at all. A man who has been in public life as long as has Max Gardner (The Star has been on the sidelines long enough to have an inkling about politics) has not faced a pathway of roses. There have been many thorns, and out of his pathway no man has picked more than the even-tempered, determined Mull who goes to Raleigh to be his helper. In fact, he has picked out so many without whining and encouragement that North Carolina's governor has come to know that he will stay out until they're plucked. The new executive counsellor perhaps is not the most popular resident of his home county for that same reason, yet the county admires him. It remembers the day when he came down from a farm in the section which now leads the state's greatest cotton producing county in making cotton to attend school. And it recalls that he hasn't started anywhere without getting there. He battled his way through high school and then through Wake Forest college. Today he can produce figures to show that not a single tenant farmer on his many acres of cotton produces much less than a bale to the acre. Any job to him is a job to be completed, and he goes at it, whatever it may be, with an underslung jaw that will not be stopped. About the same time that Mull, the farm boy, came to Shelby to get his education, there was a lad sleeping in the office of a Shelby livery-stable who dreamed his dreams. Today that boy holds the highest office in the state, and he knows, better than anyone else, that if the Titian-haired scrapper weakens on this job, it will be the first time on record.

### CAROLINA AND GEORGIA SWAPPING COLORED LABORERS

THE PECULIAR swapping of negro farm hands between the states of North Carolina and Georgia may have been noted by newspapers of this state a long time back, but, perhaps because The Star is located in a section partaking in only one end of the swap, the trading only recently came to the attention of this paper through a listening-in on a conversation in which a Georgia man was a participant.

The Georgia man had been reading in The Star of the 2,000 or so negroes imported to Cleveland county recently from Eastern Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia to aid in picking the county's record cotton crop, and he recalled, too, that in the last five or six years the negro population, most of which came from Georgia, had increased approximately 25 per cent or more in this county.

"Georgia and North Carolina are only swapping negro laborers," he said. "Just the other day I noticed two truck loads of negroes from down in my country being unloaded here to aid in the cotton picking. Most of them will stay. And the swapping gives me a laugh. It was not long ago that I noticed four truck loads of North Carolina negroes being unloaded in my home community in Georgia to do their part in producing the tobacco crop which has supplanted cotton since the boll weevil struck us. Isn't it funny? North Carolina, the Piedmont and Western sections, just waking up on cotton production and importing Georgia and South Carolina negroes to help produce and harvest their cotton crops, while down in Georgia, the cotton knocked sky-high by the boll weevil, the farmers are importing colored farm hands from the section between Winston-Salem and Danville to aid them in producing, harvesting and selling tobacco. So it goes; you folks up here get our cotton negroes and in turn give us your tobacco negroes. Perhaps we're all benefitting by the trade. Perhaps?"

And perhaps it is, for who knows how long it will be before the boll weevil becomes acclimated to the famous Western North Carolina climate between Shelby and Asheville, which the Asheville chamber of commerce talks so much about?

### SURPRISE PARTY FOR GIRLS HELD

(Special to The Star.)

Belwood, Dec. 2.—Miss Veda Daberry surprised her sister Miss Florence with a birthday party last Tuesday night. Interesting games and contests were played. During the evening a large crowd attended and all reported a fine time.

The many friends of Misses Loe and Ruth Hartman surprised them Saturday night with a party. A large crowd attended and all reported a wonderful time.

Miss Ethel Norman spent Saturday night with Misses Veda and Florence Daberry.

Miss Elvinia Ivester spent the week-end with Miss Hazel Richard. Miss Mildred Peeler spent Sunday with Misses Rosemary and Dorothy Peeler.

Miss Green Norman of Bowling Springs junior college spent the week-end with her aunt Miss Hattie Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Willis and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton King of Vale.

Mr. Jenks Fortenberry and family of Fallston spent Sunday with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fortenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fortenberry was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Willis last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Smith of Fallston.

Mrs. L. E. Miller and children of Lawndale spent Sunday night with her mother, Mrs. S. L. Gantt.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Murry and children of Fallston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Turner and son, B. C. Jr. and Mrs. Noah Car-

penier spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carpenter and family of Casar.

Miss Velma Hartman, R. N. of Gastonia spent Thursday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Hartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Buff visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Richard Thursday night.

Mrs. Mary Proctor is spending awhile with her daughter, Mrs. S. L. Gantt.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Ford and children of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Porter Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Willis and children of Lincolnton spent a few days last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fortenberry and daughter, Miss Johnnie spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Kape Fortenberry of Forest City.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Richard has moved to Vale. The community will miss them very much.

Miss Annie Richard spent Friday afternoon with Misses Pearl and Mayo Gantt.

Misses Pearl and Mayo Gantt spent Tuesday afternoon with Misses Annie and Elva Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jefferies and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Chapman of Lincolnton and Mrs. Walter Chapman of Lincolnton and children Ruby and Maggie were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norman Thursday.

Mr. Roy McNeely spent Sunday with Mr. Carlo Newton.

Miss Pearl Gantt spent Sunday with her cousins Misses Dorothy and Essie Gantt of Vale.

Mrs. A. J. Jefferies spent a few days last week in the community with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dixon and children of Lincolnton visited Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McMurry Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maude Jefferies of Lawndale spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Arbrous Richard.

**Christmas Advice To Puzzled Ladies**

This store for men is filled with Gifts Men Like, because the year round it is studying the fine points of masculine taste, and keeping in constant touch at home and abroad with all the newest developments in Men's Wear. This makes a very safe place for women to shop when buying for men. The store where most men buy for themselves and where you will find thousands of useful gifts that will please any man who appreciates style combined with quality. Every item in our show cases or on our shelves is characterized by that faithful regard to quality upon which our reputation is built.

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