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FRIDAY, JAN. 10, 1930.

TWINKLES

Still sticking to your New Year's resolutions?

There is some talk of making the buyer of whiskey a violator of the law, but when the law is written the condition "if still living" should be added.

A hunting accident has claimed another life in this county, and the sympathy of The Star along with that of all the county, the major portion of which knew the youth, goes out to the parents and relatives of Cleve Cline whose life was snuffed out Tuesday.

WHY NOT PAY TAXES ON INSTALLMENT PLAN IN STATE?

THE MAJOR criticism of modern county government when sifted to the bottom always has its source, in one manner or another, around taxation. Nearly every citizen at any other time but tax-paying time will readily admit that his taxes, unless unusually high, are just and fair. But not so at tax-paying time when he must dig down in his savings account or borrow to pay all of his taxes in a lump sum. It is generally admitted, and has been for years, that if tax paying could be made more pleasant—that is, paying out money can ever be termed pleasant—all government would function better and receive more loyal support. In this connection there has been much discussion of recent years of paying taxes on the installment plan. Until someone demonstrates to us the weakness thereof, we are inclined to believe that the suggestion should be attempted. Divide a man's taxes up over a period of 12 months and they will not seem so heavy, and, as a result, will draw far less criticism. Try paying a year's grocery bills in a lump sum and you will get our point. Of course it would mean a little extra bookkeeping upon the part of tax collectors, but we believe it would be worth this extra work. Speaking along the same vein The Gastonia Gazette says:

"The point is made that many people who might be unable to pay the whole of their county or city tax in one lump sum might easily pay the amount if divided into quarterly or monthly payments. The entire amounts of some tax bills constitute a good sized sum of money, and one not so easily met.

"The argument is made that the federal taxes are payable in installments and that if the federal government can fool with dribbles coming in like that, the city and county governments could also provide a similar convenience for tax payers.

"Anything to give relief from some of the oppressive burdens of taxes would be welcomed by the great mass of taxpayers. Taxes are necessary to the upkeep of the government, but it does seem, at times, that they are getting to be entirely too heavy, and that they might be reduced in places, without materially impairing the machinery of our government."

IS IT PROBABLE THAT TARHEELIA WILL HAVE A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR?

HARDLY had Josiah W. Bailey announced his intention of contesting Senator Simmons for the latter's seat in the senate until Gilliam Grissom, federal revenue collector for this state with headquarters in Raleigh, let it be known that he might, if given the endorsement of his party, be the Republican candidate for governor in 1932.

The Charlotte News taking note of the Grissom attitude promptly sizes the revenue collector up as one endowed with good political foresight. Grissom, as The News interprets it, sees the Democratic party in the state split wider than ever before by the approaching contest, and in that increasing enmity between two factions of the ruling party he sees, also, a good chance for North Carolina to move entirely into the G. O. P. columns in 1932. It isn't such rabid speculation, as speculation goes, and it might be added that a big primary fight in 1932 between a half dozen or so candidates will not tend to close any of the breach which may be opened in 1930 as Simmons and Bailey fight each other.

Yet, as The Star sees it, the Democratic party is coming to a poor pass when it permits its own primary system, wherein the people have their say, to create wounds serious enough to endanger the party.

If all leaders of the party, and members thereof, would—and they should—take the attitude of Clyde R. Hoey, for three decades high in the councils of his party, then the primary would have no ill effects. In 1928 Mr. Hoey, for most of his political career a staunch supporter of Mr. Simmons, differed with his leader and supported the Democratic nominee for president. In the primary of 1930 Mr. Hoey is not adverse to saying that he is a Bailey supporter, but he makes it plain in saying so that after the primary he is for the nominee because he is first of all a Democrat, and a Democrat in his interpretation should be willing at all times to support the choice of the majority. Regardless of how Simmons and Hoey, two of the State's veteran leaders, differed in 1928, Hoey declares that he and all other Democrats should give their loyal support to Mr. Simmons in the elec-

tion should the majority of the party voters decide that he should have the nomination.

If the Democrats of North Carolina split up over their primaries, they will have brought about their own downfall because of the system which has made their party the party of the average voter, who in the primary has the privilege of saying who he wants as his nominee rather than having his nominee selected and pushed on him by a few leaders as is the policy of the Republican party.

CITY SHOULD WATCH LICENSE GIVEN TO TAXI DRIVERS

OFFICERS of the law about Shelby for some time, according to the news reports, have been trying to break up a traffic of liquor and prostitutes being carried on by certain taxi drivers of the city. Several of the worst ones, the officers say, have been driven out of the business, and if those inclined to violate the law are cleaned out, as said, then it should be an easy matter for the municipal government to keep the situation in hand, thereby lending encouragement to the honest taxi men, and there are such in Shelby, who earn their livelihood and remain within the metes and bounds of the law.

This can easily be done by city officials. Every man drives a taxi in Shelby must have a city license to do so. The city should investigate the record of every applicant before issuing license, and should forfeit that license the minute the driver it is issued to violates the law. A clean town is far more important than a small revenue to be derived from many taxi licenses.

Elevating the plane of the taxi business here, we reiterate, would, also, work for the best interests of the honest men in the business. They, the respectable fellows in the business, find it hard to compete with those who can operate bigger and better cars from a side income from hauling whiskey and hauling women about the town to bring about the weakening of the moral fibres of the city's youth. Those who carry on such a nefarious business use the taxi business as a blind only. The citizens of Shelby, we know, will wholeheartedly support the city government if it will be particular enough to see that the taxi license issued is for that business and not for the purpose of rum running and the hauling of prostitutes. The blame for the situation officers say has been existing cannot, and is not, placed at the door of municipal officials, but Shelby is growing into a city and the best way to prevent such is at the origin.

Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE—



Speaking Of Mergers.

1—The Widow Brown's family was merged last week with Widow Jones' family. Mrs. Jones became the head of the new organization and owns controlling interest therein. Her holdings prior to the merger were as follows: Sam, Joe, Dick, Julie, Bill and the twins. Mark and Remark, giving her 3 shares, while Mr. Jones contributed only 7 shares, viz: Ed, Ned, Ned, Med, Zed and Jed. They will produce family fusses, and will probably issue some new stock.

2—O. M. Aull merged his farm with a Ford during December, thus making 1 mortgage do the work of 2. His affairs will be handled in the future by the Commercial Credit corporation of New York. He had no way to get about but now he has a way to get about. . . half enough for his household to live decently on. The Ford will enable Mr. Aull to be relieved of the arduous duties of the farm in time and then he can move to town and get a job selling others on the installment plan.

3—Old man Klutz merged his 4 hound dogs with old man Smith's 4 beagle pups Saturday afternoon and a special dividend of 32 rabbits, 5 squirrels, 2 possums and 1 polecat was declared about sun-down. The preferred shares were rabbit hash and polecat mash, the same being prorated on a 1-dog basis, that is—the dogs that caught the most game were given credit according to their interest in the case, and that's why old man Klutz went home hungry and threatened to sell his hedge collaterals short.

4—A merger of much concern is a-brewing. The curb interests are satisfied that Miss Sudella Hopscotch will soon be able to take over Mr. Eben Soaked, and move both plants into the Soaked building. Mr. Soaked lost his wife by Chevrolet common about 6 weeks ago and as he has already begun to dye his mustache and send his collars to the laundry, the ticker-tape (gossip) has it that "It won't be long." By this merger, the stockholders will be able to reduce the cost of running 1 family by 1 cook and 1 washer-woman and 1 nurse.

5—Another merger that is calculated to reduce overhead is the going together of the Goober parcher and Hot Dog stand of Jack and 15 cents a day to manage his parcher and Jill is paying a like sum to operate his sweating poodle corporation. After the merger, Jack will run both the parcher and the other institution while Jill loaf, and the next week they will be functioning vice versa. Jack's common stock will become preferred and Jill's preferred stock will become com-

mon, but neither will be listed on the exchange until the present panic is cured by Mr. Hoover. (There being no further mergers in prospect, the meeting was adjourned sine die).

A Cooking Reseat.

flat rock, s. c., janny the 9, 1929

dear mr. editor:—
I hope my wife to cook supper the other night and we fixed up a macky rony pie which was so fine I thought I would rite you a reseat for same so's you could print it and help some other hungry sole to enjoy a good meal, and here it is:

1—Take a big fat hen—if you can wetch her, that is—if you all raise hens, and tie her hind legs together and poke her under your left arm and take her to the grocery store and swap her for a box of macky rony and some cheese and a small can of milk ansforth.

2—Ask yore grocery man to send this stuff out to yore house at once, and that will give you a chance to ride home with his boy on the truck, as he keeps a truck to deliver stuff in which chain stores don't do and they don't buy hens nuther, and send the boy on back to the stoar after you all get home.

3—Then send yore wife out to the wood pile to cut some wood and when it has been fetched in, tell her to get a pan if possible out of the pantry and clean the potatoes out of same which was left from dinner and grease it good with some lard if she happens to have any, and if not, try butter if your nabor has any.

4—Brake up the macky rony in small sticks about as long as my finger which was cut off in the gin enduring the spanish-american war and put them in a bowl and muss up yore lb. of cheese by crumbling same betwix her hands and then pore the can of milk on the ingredients and stir with a spoon if you have no fork till the macky rony looks like cheese and the cheese looks like macky rony.

5—See if the fire has went out in the stove, and if it has, make her bild a nother one, and then set the pan on the stove where it aint too hot so's it wont burn and then drop in a small nunk of butter, if there is any left after you gress the pan, and sprinkle on some salt and pepper and then let the stuff blubber for about 2 hr. and when it looks like the macky rony is going to split in two, set it on the table and ring the bell.

6—While yore wife is coming out of the kitchen after washing her hands to get ready to eat, you go

ahead and hepp yore self and take all of the macky rony pie and give her the cold collars that was left over yestiddy, as vegetables is better for wimmen onner count of the hardening of the arteries ansforth. rite or foam if you want to print this and go ahead and do so. yores trulle, mike Clark, rfd.

YORK JUDGE IS GIVEN PIN THROUGH 12-YEAR REQUEST

York, S. C.—The request of a man in Thomasville, dead for 12 years and never heard of by G. P. Smith, judge of probate here, caused Judge Smith to come into possession today of a handsome scarf pin that bears a combination of Masonic and Odd Fellow emblems. The pin was presented to Judge Smith by John S. Thompson of

Thomasville, after Judge Smith had performed the ceremony that united Mr. Thompson in marriage with Miss Janie L. McBride of Lexington. In making the gift Mr. Thompson gave an interesting explanation for the donation. "The pin," he said, "was given me by my father, who died 12 years ago. He told me to keep it until I married and then to present it to the man who performed the wedding ceremony, if he were qualified to wear

it—that is, if he were a Mason and an Odd Fellow." Since Judge Smith is a member of both fraternal orders, there was no barrier to his accepting the present.

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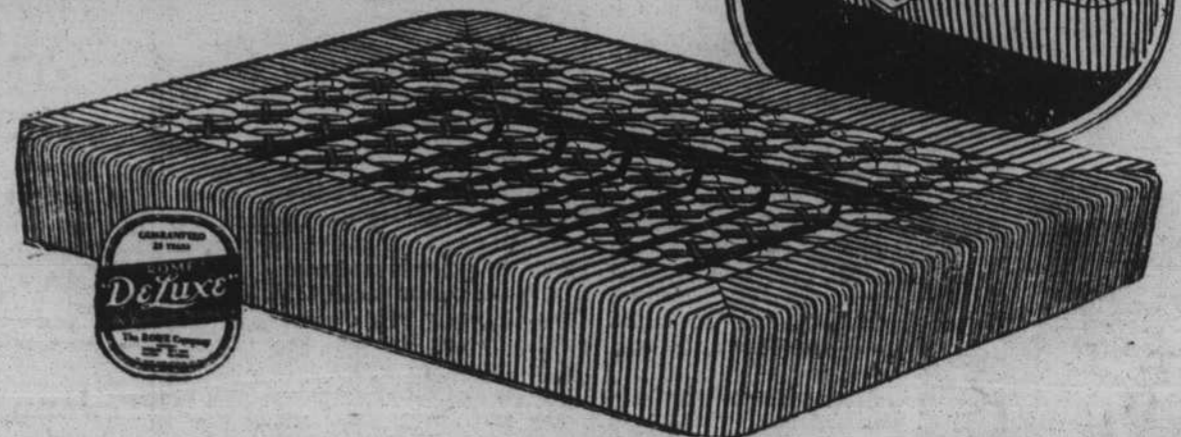
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