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TWINKLES

Nowadays, opines one punster, a girl marries a fellow to mend his ways instead of his socks.

Highway patrolmen, as some motorists have already learned, are this week tagging those hereabouts who have not tagged their autos.

Mr. Bailey wants Mr. Simmons to back the Gardner campaign and live at home for the next four years, and Mr. Simmons, it seems, is equally as desirous to have Mr. Bailey tender the same support to the governor.

If Mr. Simmons or Mr. Bailey can inform Cleveland county farmers how to get 25 cents per pound for their 60,000 bales of weather-beaten cotton, we'll guarantee the one who passes out the information that he will have no need of being ashamed of the vote this county will give him.

In 1928 there were 10 candidates for sheriff in the county and one has already announced for the primary this year. Of course every citizen has a right to run, if he so desires, but since this is to be a year of economy it might be well to hold the list down to half the number in the last race thereby saving that much ballot paper.

The Rocky Mount Telegram says one of the strongest arguments against Senator Simmons is that Frank Hampton, his portly secretary, may be appointed to fill out the term should Simmons fail to complete his tenure in office. And our opinion is that no heftier draw-back could be advanced, even for those inclined to see the senator through for the last time.

A reader says The Star is too conservative and backward in arguing that a young man should own his own home before he gets an automobile. He reasons it this way: "Why isn't it all right to buy a car and rent a house? The modern man spends more time in his car than in his home." And for many of those who do so the last motor trip will be to the county home.

A BULL'S EYE FOR JUDGE STACK ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

JUDGE A. M. STACK, of Monroe, beat Mr. Hoover's Law Enforcement Commission to its report by almost a week.

In delivering his charge to the Cleveland county grand jury here last week the wise Monroe jurist took occasion to mention Mr. Hoover's commission sent forth to discover, if possible, why there is so much crime, and to suggest a remedy therefor.

"When that commission reports it cannot tell us anything we do not know; neither can it suggest a better remedy than we all know to be the need now. The cause is lax enforcement of the law, and the remedy is more efficient enforcement," he said.

In less than a week newspaper headlines glared forth the information that Hoover's commission had found "inadequate law enforcement machinery" to be one of the major reasons for increasing crime, and it naturally followed that the commission thought more efficient enforcement would be the best remedy.

To Judge Stack's way of thinking the newspapers overplayed the news value of the commission report, since it was something everybody knew. Likewise the report might be used as an example of the value of Mr. Hoover's commission methods of operating the world's greatest nation and bringing about the prosperity referred to in the last campaign.

MR. JONAS NO IGNORAMUS ABOUT POLITICAL PLANNING

HERE THERE these remarks appear in type Major Bulwinkle and others may have announced for congressional nomination in the June primary. Regardless of which, however, these remarks will remain appropriate to the fight of the Democrats to regain the ninth congressional district from the Republicans.

To regain the district will be no play job, regardless of who may be the Democratic candidate, and, as we have said before, the more Democrats to announce the merrier it will be for the present congressman.

During the week both The Charlotte Observer and The Gastonia Gazette have remarked that the Democrats have a real job cut out for them in defeating Mr. Jonas. The Gazette wisely predicts that "unless the Democrats of the district center on one good candidate and nominate him and support him in the election, Charlie Jonas will go back." The Observer sums up the prospects by review of the entire district. The counties of Madison, Mitchell, Burke, Yancey, Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston are hard to figure out. Six of them will likely support the Republican candidate, as they usually do. In 1928 only three counties in the district, Cleveland, Mecklenburg and Yancey, supported Major Bulwinkle. Mecklenburg and Cleveland are always counted upon by the Democratic candidate to carry him through, if he is to be carried. Mecklenburg is the only county in the district east

of the Catawba river and a political saying is that the district is always to be decided after crossing the river, meaning that Mecklenburg usually gives the Democratic candidate enough majority to carry him through, with Cleveland giving him enough lead before reaching the Catawba to keep him where Mecklenburg may pick him up and elect him. But this year, with Mecklenburg's Democratic lead cut down and somewhat doubtful, the Democrats must gain back some votes there, in Gaston county, are somewhere. From a geographical standpoint a Democratic candidate from Mecklenburg should have the best chance by bringing Democratic votes back into the fold there, and as The Observer reasons it, in regards to the other strong Democratic county, "Cleveland usually has an offering, but that county, being especially good-mannered this year, will probably be a looker-on."

All of which is true enough, but since taking office Charlie Jonas has apparently sized up the district for himself. He, too, seems to realize that Mecklenburg holds the balance, and it has been very evident to the entire district that no action of Mr. Jonas in congress has snubbed that county. It's right the other way, as The Gastonia Gazette says: "He has been particularly zealous for Mecklenburg county and Charlotte. He has landed several big projects for Charlotte. . . ." All of which is true, and from our angle of thought Mr. Jonas has endeavored to be of enough service to Mecklenburg for that county not to give his Democratic rival such a majority as to put the Lincoln man back in his law office at Lincolnton. In other words, to put it frankly, Mr. Jonas has played to Mecklenburg. We do not say that he shouldn't; he has the perfect right to do so, provided he does not overlook other portions of his district in so doing. But in playing to Mecklenburg we say, in different language, the same thing that The Gazette says, Mr. Jonas is going to be a hard candidate to defeat. The Democrats, to win, will have to unite upon a candidate—and, furthermore, they may as well put it down as a certainty that additional votes will have to be picked up in the western counties of the district before crossing the river into Mecklenburg. Mr. Jonas has been too good to Mecklenburg to count upon an overwhelming majority for a Democrat there.

Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE



News Around Our House.

We had an egg apiece for breakfast this morning. The change from gravy and bread was due to the recent decline in eggs in sympathy with General Motors.

My wife's kinfolks came up Wednesday morning to spend the week-end. Ham is 80 cents a pound, steak is much higher, and so is lemon cake. They like all 3 of them.

The plumber and his helper came up and did 25-cent worth of work last week. He did not forget to send the following bill: "To time of plumber and helper \$7.00. To 1 washer 5 cents. Total \$9.75."

It is right sigular, but 14 of the installment collectors who work our street every week are closely related to the "other" side of my house. She insists that the 64 that are not related to her are some of "mine" that are too good to own it.

The following items were reported entirely out just as I was leaving for prayer-meeting last night: Sugar, coffee, soap, flour, balogna, cheese, chicken feed, rat poison, perfume, wash rags, coal, cash, blank checks, baking powders and ink.

The electric light that her aunt left burning in the closet upstairs was discovered this morning when the man read our meter and fainted. The letter we sent to our friends in Georgia 8 weeks ago telling them not to visit us until April went to the dead-letter office and was returned to us 4 days after the "company" had left. It seems I addressed Jim and Family in N. C., instead of Ga. But there were only 7 children and 2 mothers-in-law with them.

Our 14 hens seemed terrible excited the other morning and we rushed out to kill the mink or possum or polecat, or such other varmint as might be caught disturbing them. We found that 1 of the hens had laid an egg and as it was the first egg the other 13 hens and I roster ever saw, they set up a terrible uproar. A man asked me last week if I kept hens and I told him yes, but not why and how.

We woke up the other morning betwixt 3:30 a. m., and sun-up with a terrible pain that reached from 1 end of our diagram to the center of our anatomy. The doctor was called and he came just before the pearly gates began to open. He asked us what we ate for supper and we said biscuit and he said what else and we said a little piece of hoghead acuse and he said what else and we said a small bite of pork sausage and he said what else and we got mad and turned over and decided just to go ahead and die a natural death without a doctor. But he squirted something in our arm and made us take a pint of castor oil. He went home. And we did not get to the office till late that afternoon. It seems funny that what a

fellow likes to eat best hurts him worst.

The Cause Of The Crime Wave.

The main reason why crime is so rampant in our land today is criminals are no longer punished for their crimes. The average jail is far better than the average criminal's home. Most of the law-breakers now consider a few weeks or a few months in jail a comfortable vacation.

Jails and pens all have steam heat and good beds and excellent food and recreation grounds and satisfactory clothing and lots of freedom. If one of our welfare workers happens to find a fly speck in the kitchen at a jail, a terrible howl goes up and the earth mourns.

The average prisoner today (exclusive of county convicts) fares just about as well as the average working man. The only difference is—the average prisoner can't go rabbit hunting and bird-shooting and fish-grabbing quite as often as the average working man.

It is not right to abuse criminals nor it is right to deny them of reasonably comfortable surroundings, but it invites crime to make pets of them. The public does not know it, but thousands of people just as soon be in a good jail somewhere as be out in the cold, cold world trying to make a living.

Now here is my plan to afflict the prisoners that are now incarcerated in jails and penitentiaries with the harsh punishment that they deserve, and if the said plan is carried out, crime will show a 99 per cent depreciation in 10 years:

1. Require them to read "NOBODY'S BUSINESS" daily.
2. Force them to memorize a page in the Congressional Record.
3. Feed them on spinach once a week.
4. Take them to the talkies.
5. See that they bathe twice a week.
6. Demand that they study the Einstein theory.
7. Let a politician speak to them once a month.
8. Listen in on Jazz nightly.
9. Drink home-brew before meals.
10. Require them to shave every morning.
11. Make them read the president's message.
12. Force them to sleep in pajama-meals.
13. Give them a dose of castor oil every summer.
14. Send them to the dentist once a month.
15. Let them hear some women play bridge.
16. Urge all visitors to ask 'em what they're there for.

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MUCH MOVING IN LATTIMORE SECTION

Henry Cabaniss Moves There From Double Springs. Other Changes Made.

(Special to The Star)

There has been quite a bit of moving going on in the community during the past week.

Mr. Henry Cabaniss has moved into the Donis house from the Double Springs community.

Mr. J. L. Hunt has moved to his farm near Hollis. Mr. A. L. Calton has purchased Mr. Hunts home and moved in Friday. Mr. Reynolds from South Carolina moved into the house vacated by Mr. Calton.

Mr. J. H. Philbeck of the Sharon community has moved to Mr. Edley Lattimore's farm.

Mr. M. N. Hall leaves today for Georgia. He has been living on Mr. W. A. Crowders farm the past year. Miss Mary Ada Monroe spent the week-end with Miss Edna Earle Lackey.

A number of people from here attended the Passion play in Charlotte Saturday. Those attending were Misses Alice Poteek, Lyda Poston, Amy Suttle, Mada Wilson, Genevieve Blanton, Willie Falls, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Harrill, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Washburn, Mrs. L. C. Toms, Mrs. M. B. Smith, Messrs. Lawton Blanton, P. M. Coley, and Z. A. Harrill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith of Sharon were guests of Mrs. M. B. Smith Tuesday evening.

Mrs. P. E. Rowe of Newton is spending awhile with her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Hewitt.

Mr. L. E. Hoyle went to Raleigh last Sunday. He helped to carry some prisoners to the state penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Jordan and Miss Wiloree Calton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greene of Double Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kanipe and Miss Bernice Kanipe of Forest City were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kanipe Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. McArthur was called to the bedside of her father, Mr. W. A. Hester who is quite ill at his home in Shelby.

Messrs. James Rayburn and Howard Horn attended a show in Charlotte Saturday night.

Misses Beesie and Effie McEntire were dinner guests of Mrs. M. B. Smith Sunday.

Brooks were guests of Miss Dorcas Harrill Tuesday night.

Prof. Lawton Blanton and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Jane Hamrick at Sharon church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lola Martin who teaches at Belwood spent the week-end at home.

Miss Carrie Rayburn returned Monday to South Mountain after spending the week-end with home folks.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school are having a study course conducted by the Pastor Rev. W. C. Lynch. Meetings are held each Wednesday night.

The Lattimore school according to a report given out by Prof. Lawton Blanton is larger this year than ever. At the end of the fourth month last year the total enrollment was 692. At the end of the same period of time this year the total enrollment was 765. Each year shows increased attendance. More rooms and more teachers are needed and it is hoped to have them by another year.

During the last 20 days of October the new Farmers Warehouse at Marshall in Madison county did a business of \$1,760. In November the business done amounted to \$1,560.

Star Advertising Pays

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