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TWINKLES

In answer to a headline in our favorite tri-weekly—"Cow Has Triplets, Then Twins, What Next?": Why not a creamery?

In among all this "hard times" chatter it might be well for us all to stop and read Abe Martin's idea about it: "we seem to have plenty of money for everything—except necessities."

Well, all the fellows who haven't had their names in the newspapers since the campaign of 1928 are again writing open letters to the editors of North Carolina telling how rotten Simmons is, or how foolish and crazy aBiley is.

This is the week the schools of Cleveland county are observing live-at-home week with special programs. The more the school children hear about it the better off agricultural Cleveland will be in the years to come.

The editorial writers over the State are offering comment on the stand of Governor Gardner in the senatorial contest. Passing up all the side arguments and angles, it seems as if the governors are pretty well divided, doesn't it? Morrison for Bailey, McLean for Simmons, Gardner without a public choice? It's the only way we know of equally proportioning three celebrities. We admit, of course, that we can think of no reason why they should be so proportioned; they just are.

IF NOT FOR, THEN AGAINST?

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST in the June primary has brought on many references to the 1928 campaign and will bring on more. One of the questions being debated is: Did Senator Simmons support Hoover, or did he merely oppose Smith? Here's the manner in which The Lexington Dispatch looks at it:

"Editor Sanford Martin of the Winston-Salem Journal has started an argument with some of his brethren over whether Senator Simmons in 1928 really supported Mr. Hoover or merely fought Mr. Smith with all his might. There might be a hair's difference between the two. How would one apply the Scriptural quotation 'He that is not with me is against me' in this instance? Or was the Senator between the two positions, and a strict neutral?"

THE "LOWER BRANCH" OF CONGRESS.

SPEAKER NICHOLAS LONGWORTH of the House of Representatives presents the description of that body as the "lower branch" of Congress thereby making it seem second in importance to the senate. With the facts at hand he declares that they are of equal rank; one takes precedence in fiscal legislation, the other in framing foreign policy. The New York World agrees with Longworth in his resentment, but urges that he devise an accurate name, equally as brief and convenient. In a matter of technical importance The Star, too, will chime in with The World and Speaker Longworth, but there are a greater number of Congressmen than Senators, and, with that in mind, it is hard to change the human viewpoint whereby "the banker" in a small town is a far more important personage than "one of the bankers" in a large city. Somewhat like that old "big frog in a little pond—tadpole in a big pond" idea, if you get us, gentlemen.

"COLEY" PLAYS SQUARE

JUST THE OTHER DAY in Washington a newspaper branded Senator Cole Blease of South Carolina as a "wet." Nothing more detrimental, in the opinion of some, could be said about an official representative of a dry State or people; imagine how many senators and congressmen from dry sections would flare up if a newspaper referred them as "wet." Naturally, it was expected that Senator Blease would make reply. He did, but his reply must have been somewhat surprising to the Senate, to whom it was addressed. Senator Blease did not deny that he takes a drink occasionally, but in so doing served notice on the body that he would vote dry regardless of his individual opinion. He explained his statement by saying that the people of his State voted for prohibition and that he would not play a traitor to them by voting for a repeal of the prohibition law even though he might differ with them individually.

Wonder how many officials we really have in this country who take a drink, yet vote dry? Considerably more in number, we suspect, than are frank enough to come out in the open and say so as did the fiery South Carolinian. In this instance one must admire him for his honesty, although differing at the same time with him in his individual views.

N. C. CRIME IS INCREASING.

THERE MAY BE THOSE who will have inclination at first to disagree with the statement that there has been an alarming increase in crime in North Carolina in recent years, but reports from Raleigh stating that more prisoners are being sent to the State prison there each month now than ever before should offer some proof. Additional proof

is advanced by the following summary of The Charlotte News, showing an increase over a period years:

"On January 26, 1880, there were 297 convicts in the State's Prison. Since the population at that time was 1,333,750, there was one State prisoner for each 5,000 people. The prison rate was about 21.2 per 100,000. By January, 1920, the population of the State had grown to 2,777,000 and the number of convicts to 723, or one to every 3,000 people, or a rate of 33.39.

"On January 1, 1930, there were 2,333 convicts, which with an estimated population of 3,000,000, indicates that one in every 1,000 people of the State is in the State Prison. This is at the rate of 80 per 100,000.

"Stated another way, one can reckon from these figures that while the population of North Carolina has been increasing within the period covered by these statistics by 50 per cent, its prison population was increasing by 800 per cent. More than that, in 1830 only 80 of the State's 297 convicts were white. Now there are virtually as many whites as negroes in the penitentiary."

Why has the State's prison population increased 800 percent while the population of the State has increased only 50 percent? Those who object when courts are declared not as stern and as sure in administering justice now as they were in the old days may render an explanation.

Nobody's Business

GEE MCGEE—



Something Farmers Never Seed.

The cotton seed oil mills can do miracles. They are buying inferior or low grade cotton seed from the farmers at about one-half their actual value, and are making therefrom A-1 meal, superior hogs, first grade compound lard, and extra fine lint. There ain't any nigger in the wood pile either: he's a white gentleman in a nice office on a big salary.

Solid As A Rock.

A petrified dummy was found out in Colorado the other day and has been sent to Washington. He is the first one to go there without being elected. His brains had become solid bone. That sounds about right for an office holder. His stummick was distended and it too had become an integral part of the petrified object. That seems reasonable. He will rest in the Smithsonian institute, however. That is apparently unfair. He ought to be placed in the house along with the other representatives—of the "deer peepul."

Drive To The Right.

We had our community chest drive the other day. The firm I am associated with offered the "drivers" \$3,450.00 worth of open accounts or \$3.75 cents in cash. They took the cash. I am especially interested in the Salvation Army's welfare because—the way things are now looking, I will soon be taking my meals and rooming with them, and I am likewise concerned about the success of the T. B. fund as my Uncle Joe has it and I am endorsing one of his notes. We went over the top all right, counting checks at 50 cents on the dollar and installment promises as usual, and all we need now is the money mentioned on the pledges.

Ouch! Doc, That Hurts.

Uncle Joe's family is right lucky with the government when it comes to staying on the pay-roll because of physical damages sustained during the World war. Sammie got stung by a yellow packet while in the service in Georgia and he pulls down \$60.00 per month. Bill had a skirmish with a mule in Virginia and he limps some and gets a monthly check for \$40.00. Joe ain't able to work much except at golf, bird hunting, base ball playing ansoforth, and he receives \$50.00 per month. He let something get wrong with his lungs in Camp Lee. None of the boys went across, but Uncle Sam is coming across all right. But nearly all of the other boys who receive compensation deserve it and more.

We Look For Appropriate Appropriations.

We believe that 19 and 30 is going to be a big year for legislatures. Some states have already called their "servants" to colors while other states are making preparations for doing the same thing. You have to hand it to the legislators as a whole. Nearly all of them can read and write, some of them have studied law, many of them can plow and hoe, and there are still others that can play a fiddle.

Hunting other things to tax is going to be the main job of our law makers. Practically everything now is taxed except bowlegs, gum-boils, squeaky joints and pug noses. Millions upon millions of dollars must be raised during the current year for schools and roads and bridges and grafters and loafers and colleges and dead beats and slysters and asylums and jails and tit-suckers generally.

We respectfully suggest the fol-

lowing articles and items that might be taxed: Hen eggs, indolent roosters, plow stocks, lungrowing toe nails, prayer-meetings, automobile tail lights, home grown honey, bald heads, bone-heads, (but they will leave that off: It will fetch too many of them into the tax area), hay rakes, fishing worms, young wasps that might be used for bait, old malds, possums, bird seed, spinach, tad-poles and monkey glands.

Something will probably be done for agriculture by some legislators. We understand that Georgia hopes to teach her farmers how to use rabbit tobacco instead of that high-priced Browns Mule. Tennessee will furnish radio programs free to tell how to grow poke sallet. Florida will appoint agents to teach the citrus growers the difference between a red ant and a fruit fly. North Carolina plans to import the Chinese goober for planting as they make less noise when being eaten in a talkie or during family worship. Other states will likely help in a similar manner.

The states will all continue to roll real estate for taxes and let it grow up in pines, sassafras sprouts and broom sedge. There ain't no telling what sassafras and broom sedge might be worth 50 years from today. Only about 25 percent of the folks of the country seem to be out of employment, but that condition is due primarily to Wall street's lamb-shearing; however, many sections will build highways if they can borrow the money and this will put about one-tenth of 1 per cent of the idlers to work. Yes, sir, you will hear from your law makers when you pay your taxes next fall.

BOILING SPRINGS COMMUNITY ITEMS

A Number Of Social Affairs. Mrs. C. I. Putnam Ill. Personal Mention.

(Special To The Star.)

Boiling Springs, Feb. 8.—Mrs. G. M. Greene was a most charming hostess to the Philonian book club and several invited guests Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The home was beautifully decorated with cactus and narcissi. The business session was held after the regular routine of affairs was disposed of. The club went into the election of officers. They were as follows: President: Mrs. J. H. Jones; vice president, Mrs. John Mintz; recording secretary, Mrs. M. A. Jolley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. V. H. Hamrick; treasurer, Mrs. James H. McBrayer; program committee, Mrs. J. L. Jenkins, Mrs. D. W. Moore and Miss Johnnie Mae McBrayer.

One new member, Mrs. James McBrayer, was added to the club.

The following program was given "Tuberculosis, Its Diagnosis and Its Cure by Mrs. C. E. Hamrick."

The hostess assisted by Mesdames Ladd and Clifford Hamrick and Miss Gertie Greene served a delicious salad course with accessories. A color note of pink and green was beautifully carried out in the refreshments.

Mrs. J. H. Jones delightfully entertained the members of the Tongues and Needles club Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The home was attractively arranged with potted plants. Small hatchets were appropriately used in the decorations.

The business meeting was held. The roll was called and the minutes were read. Several matters were

brought before the club for consideration. The hostess served a tempting salad course.

Misses Garnett and Merle Jackson, students of Winthrop college, spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Duncan, S. C. came Sunday to spend the day.

Mrs. Mollie Holland of Charlotte, but formerly of this place visited relatives here last week. Mrs. Holland is pleasantly remembered by a host of friends throughout this section.

Mrs. C. I. Putnam has been quite ill for several days with a severe cold.

Mr. T. P. Phillips who is in the Rutherford hospital for treatment is improving.

Mr. Bray Jolley who has been in the navy for the past four years has been on a visit here to his mother, Mrs. Golena Jolley. He re-enlisted in the navy this week and is now stationed at Hampton Roads.

Mr. Den Jolley visited his sister, Mrs. Deviney Pettit in Abbeville, Va. last week.

Mr. Charles R. Hamrick gave an enjoyable program Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock which is his usual hour for broadcasting over Station W B T, Charlotte. Mr. Hamrick is a very talented musician and his programs are being listened in on by a host of friends who are interested in his success.

MOUNTAIN COUNTIES TO GET MILLION FOR ROADS

Asheville.—One million dollars will be spent for highway construction in the mountain counties that comprise the ninth highway district of North Carolina during the coming year, James G. Stikeleather, commissioner, has announced.

The figure includes the allotment from the state highway fund for 1930 and the federal aid fund, which Mr. Stikeleather predicted would be approximately \$275,000.

Notes.

The highway commissioners of the 10th township will sell at auction first Monday in March 3, 1930, at W. P. Kingsbury at 12 o'clock, 5 mules, bridles, collars and harness, 3 wagons in good condition, Mike L. Borders chairman. 41-3c

SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING.

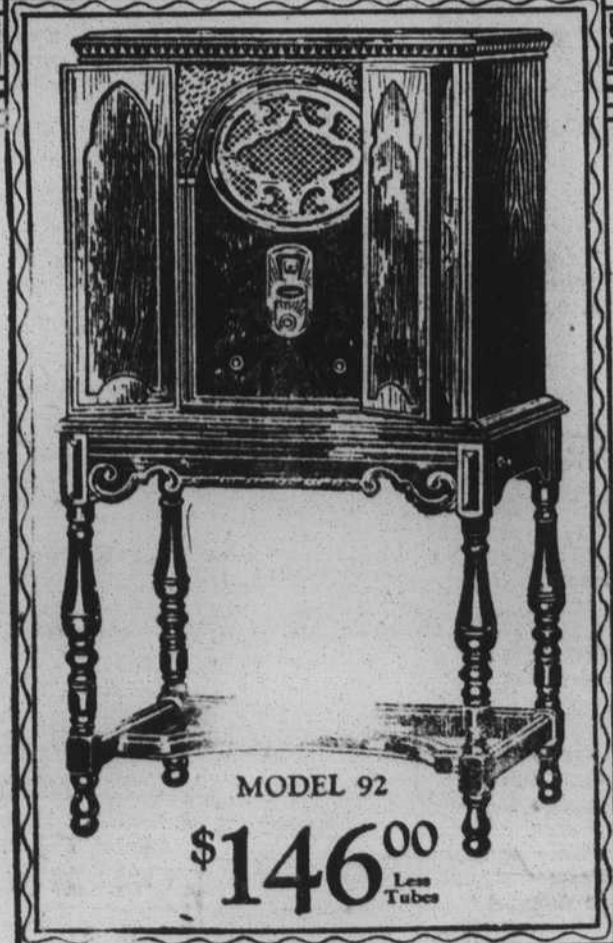
The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Shelby and Cleveland County B. and L. association for the election of directors and for any other business which may come before the meeting will be held in the office of the association on Tuesday, February 11, 1930, at 2 p. m. All shareholders are requested to be present.

This Feb. 3rd, 1930.
JNO. P. MULL, Sec. and Treas.
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