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### TWINKLES

"Prohibition and Farm Relief Major Election Issues," informs a headline. They're a couple of real problems at that.

Those who note that people still smoke and still go to the talkies hard times or no hard times should also note that the cigarette people and the movie people still advertise hard times or no hard times.

In the old dirt road days a rough road was referred to as a wash-board road. Nowadays with pavement such a road is referred to as having more holes in it than a bachelor's socks.

If you've noticed, Mr. Coolidge in writing his daily article for the newspaper, at \$2 per word, has sense enough not to tell Mr. Hoover what should be done about farm relief and prohibition.

Give the partisan Democrats credit for one thing: As yet they haven't blamed the tree-sitting craze on Hoover. And neither have the disgruntled Democrats credited the craze to Mr. Rascob.

If Congressman Jonas, a Republican office-holder in a normally Democratic State, thinks he can win by reviving the Smith issue, he apparently has not heard about the primary of June 7.

There is, the statisticians say, an automobile in North Carolina for every seven people. If the highway toll keeps climbing, and the stork doesn't perk up a bit, it may be that within a few years there will be seven automobiles for each person.

It's a good suggestion the Lions club makes to county officials in passing along the tip that the surplus No. 6 convicts might be worked on the county farm. However, it is a suggestion the officials have heard before, and it may be that there is more to putting the suggestion in working order than many think. First of all, it might be difficult and expensive to guard any number of prisoners while working at farm tasks.

### THE ONLY PROPER METHOD

THE GAFFNEY LEDGER is saying that it might be a good idea for Cherokee county officials to follow the Cleveland county plan decided upon by County Business Manager Cline—the publishing each month of the entire list of county expenditures. When such is done, there is no loophole left that gives critical persons any legitimate right to talk of graft. It's the only thing to do. The money is the money of the people, and most people desire to know how their money is being spent. The fact that the public records, financial and otherwise, have always been public property here, is the main reason, perhaps, that there never has been a touch of scandal about Cleveland county government.

### WHERE THE FARMER SUFFERS

IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY that The Star became curious as to why the consumer does not benefit when the price the producer gets for an article takes a drop. A Shelby man was quoted as saying that he had seen the price paid the farmer for his tobacco drop year after year but could not recall having ever seen a decrease in the price of cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco. Noting the low price paid farmers in the opening tobacco sales this year, the Raleigh News and Observer offers some statistics to show that the tobacco farmer is the goat while the profits of the manufacturers advance.

"Since 1920 tobacco prices in North Carolina have slumped," says the Raleigh paper, "with the slightest possible variation in the decline, from 25 cents a pound to 18.3 cents in 1929, while the profits of the tobacco manufacturers have doubled and trebled themselves. There is no reason to believe that a further decline in warehouse prices this year will see anything except an additional increase in manufacturing profits.

"Here are the manufacturers' profits in 1920 and in 1929, while thousands of farmers were forced into sales at prices under the cost of production:

	1929	1920
American Tobacco Co.	\$30,231,348	\$14,277,250
R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co.	32,210,521	10,691,294
Liggett & Myers	15,844,156	10,572,966

"If any educational material is needed, it is supplied in these figures."

### JONAS IN NEW ROLE

A NEWS STORY in The Star of Wednesday quoted a Shelby man, who hopes to see Major Bulwinkle returned to Congress, as saying that Congressman Jonas' statement in Charlotte, regarding the alleged petition of Hoover Democrats asking that Al Smith run again, seemed nothing more

to him than an effort on the part of the Republican representative to aid in splitting up the Democrats again. He said, also, that a Democratic split was the only thing that sent Jonas to Washington two years ago and that Jonas realizes that another split is his only hope of being re-elected.

Jonas stepping forth to act as spokesman for the Hoover Democrats, many of whom, no doubt, are no more interested in him than they were in Smith, seems a bit strange to the Greensboro News. Commenting upon the unique role Jonas has assumed, the Greensboro paper says, in part:

"Congressman Charles A. Jonas, who as the Republican nominee is standing for re-election in the ninth district, has arisen to deny any such repentance on the part of the Hoovercrats and to brand the report as propaganda. He then becomes propagandist to deliver a counter-statement to the effect that a plan has been launched to get 20,000,000 Smith supporters to sign petitions asking the former New York governor to re-enter the presidential race.

"How strange that Mr. Jonas should become the speaker for the Hoovercrats. There had been no previous knowledge that such power had been delegated to him. In fact, he had been looked upon as a regular of Republican regulars. Hoovercrats, as we recall it, were Democrats who consistently claimed that they never once gave up their democracy but rather voted against Smith to retain it in the blessed sense of the word. Yet, when their former leaders are silent, Mr. Jonas comes forward to issue a statement of denial in their behalf.

"A strange political proceeding is this. But it may be more fully revealed in the realization that Charlotte was the Hoovercrat center of the state, that Charlotte is the voting hub of Mr. Jonas' district, that Mr. Jonas went into office on a coalition vote in 1928 and that his hopes for a second term lie largely in retaining that coalition vote."

## Gardner A Pure-Bred Governor

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

One pure bred bull is worth four or five Governors, said our own Governor at Selma when he dispatched the North Carolina Livestock special on its tour of evangelization through the State.

Of course the Governor doesn't expect literal agreement

with his pronouncement. Both bulls and Governors have their places. He will get instant approval though in his major declaration: "A person can't live with scrubby cattle or scrubby people without being scrubby." That applies to Governors as well as everybody else and it must be confessed that Governor Gardner is going the limit to be the Governor of as few scrubby cattle and as few scrubby farmers as possible during the span of his administration. One gets the impression that he aims to be a pure-bred bull of a governor.

Anybody who took the proclamation of the Live-at-Home campaign to mean only that everybody should grow a few vegetables and a few chickens for home consumption, missed what Governor Gardner was talking about. Reports from surveys indicate that the campaign, probably more widely promoted and more intelligently directed than any like campaign ever conducted in the State, has been eminently successful. It caught the imagination of the people. It has attracted the attention of other States. The basic principle as laid down by the Governor is that there is no place in North Carolina for the scrub. There's no money in scrub corn, scrub cotton, scrub tobacco, scrub cattle. You can't argue with that.

He might have gone further. There's no advantage, even of economy, in scrub teachers in schools, scrub officials in public office. Fundamentally, there's no content, much less progress and prosperity, in scrub people living in an atmosphere of scrubbiness.

North Carolina might very well take the pure bred bull as a symbol of a new sort of crusade in which the Live-at-Home movement is only one manifestation, a crusade against the scrub and the only condition that the scrub can thrive in scrubbiness.

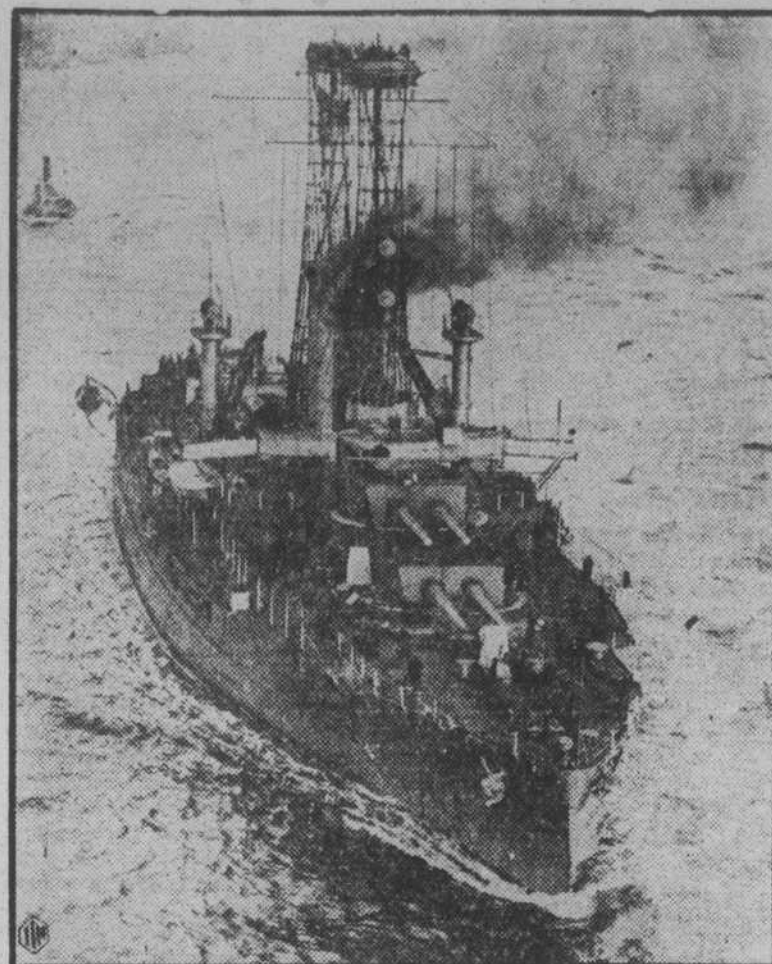
### Neighboring Paper In Tribute To Star

Rutherford County News.  
Our contemporary, The Cleveland Star, of Shelby, with Lee B. Weather's editor, was awarded the Savory cup at the recent season of the North Carolina Press association for being the best paper in the state outside of the daily field. The award was based on typog-

raphy, make-up, news, features and editorials. The Star is one of the most progressive papers in the state and is published in a good town, in a growing county. It has a large circulation and has the support of the business men of Shelby, which it deserves. The News extends congratulations and best wishes to our neighbor.

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## Treaty Sounds Death Knell



The U. S. S. Utah, of the scouting fleet based on the Atlantic Coast, which is to be either scrapped or sunk within twelve months of the effective date of the London Naval pact. It is believed, however, that the Utah will be out of the way before the end of the year. The other battleships which are doomed as a result of the treaty are the Florida and the Wyoming, the latter being flagship of the Atlantic Coast scouting unit. (International Newsreel)

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## STATE DEMOCRATS FEEL CONFIDENT

Mull Completes Campaign Plan With 10,000 Party Workers To Take Field

Raleigh—Despite the present political lethargy, Democratic leaders feel certain that they will be able to roll up the highest total Democratic vote, and the largest Democratic majorities in the history of the State.

Lack of interest in politics, reports reaching headquarters here indicate, is confined largely to the eastern section of the State, which remained Democratic despite the upheaval in 1928. In counties where there are Republican local officials and Republican members of the Legislature running for re-election, there is plenty of interest in politics.

It is these counties, and over these minor offices, that the real heat of the 1930 election will be engendered. The ninth and tenth congressional districts, especially will be in for heated politics, for in those districts the Republicans will wage a fight to retain two congressmen.

These two North Carolina Republican congressmen are of importance to the Republican party, in view of the likelihood that the Democrats may gain control of the National House of Representatives, and consequently both parties will have plenty of aid from their national organization in these districts. And it is in these two districts that the majority of the Republican county officials will have to fight for their official lives.

Chairman Mull has already made plans for his campaign. North Carolina speakers will furnish the oratory, and 10,000 party workers will take to the field in September. Headquarters will be opened here about the first of September, but until that time little work, other than planning will be done.

The Republican plan of campaign is slightly different. Chairman Duncan will have his headquarters in Greensboro, and the Republicans will use several speakers from outside the State. Raleigh will play only a very minor part in the political schemes of the Republicans, who will center their fire on the western part of the State.

### Bridges Reunion To Be Held August 14

(Special To The Star)  
The Bridges reunion will be held at Sandy Plains Baptist church, Lattimore on Thursday, August 14, beginning at 10 o'clock. The Bridges history and speaking will constitute the morning service. At 12 o'clock dinner will be spread on the tables in the grove. A get-together and an acquaintance hour will be from 1 until 2 p. m. Song service probably several quartets will be present. All the Bridges are especially urged to attend but everybody who is related to the Bridges any way, and all their friends are invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

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