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### TWINKLES

Speaking of endurance contests—we're getting a bit bored with headlines about the mix-up of the Bamberger-Watkins babies.

Bishop Cannon hasn't been in the headlines in some time. Marriage has a habit of getting a man where he isn't heard from very often.

Here's hoping that Governor Gardner makes it hard for the members of the mob which lynched the Edgecomb county negro to live at home.

Shelby is the fastest growing city in North Carolina. Those inclined to razz that opinion when it was expressed by The Star two years ago may now argue it out with the census bureau at Washington.

"Doc" Dorton, energetic manager of the big Cleveland County Fair, says "hard times or no hard times, watch 'em pour through the gates at the fair ground this Fall." And to date, we must admit, he hasn't failed to make the fair attractive enough to bring record crowds out every year.

### REPUBLICANS AND HARD TIMES

A BIG MUCKY-MUCK in the Republican party is charging the hard times to the Democrats. Perhaps because it was thought a few years ago that Mr. Hoover was more or less a Democrat. The Republicans aren't going to take the blame for the lack of prosperity even if they have to sacrifice their President.

### VALUE OF VISITORS

THE VISIT of Lieut. Vernon, State highway patrol officer, to Shelby and his talk to the Lions Club is an instance that shows the value of having visitors come to town, particularly when the visitors offer constructive criticism.

Lieut. Vernon liked Shelby, praised Shelby hospitality, and in other ways paid the same tributes to the city that the average visitor pays. But he did more than that. He did not attempt to pick flaws, but he did offer several suggestions which, in his opinion, would tend to better Shelby.

The average visiting speaker in Shelby grows eloquent in referring to Shelby scenery, hospitality, and progress, and in mentioning prominent men, statesmen, writers and ministers, the city has produced. All that is well enough. We relish it, and what town does not? But can be continue to be praised and admired, and continue to progress if we become too contented and too self satisfied with what we are and what we have been? No; anything, even a town, that does not continue to move forward immediately begins to slip the other way.

That's why The Star feels it is its duty to give advice for Lieut. Vernon's suggestions. A city needs spurring up occasionally just as does an individual or a business; and a good spur is better than criticism, constructive criticism. We do not know that the suggestions, regarding city traffic, passed out by Lieut. Vernon should be followed just now, or that they are wise procedures any time. We are not saying that, although Lieut. Vernon, holding the position he does, should know what he is talking about in traffic matters. He knows, too, how Shelby appears to an outsider because he is an outsider. The Shelby visitor to other cities sees and admires, or criticizes things the resident of that city does not notice, because the resident is accustomed to things as they are. Lieut. Vernon would improve certain things in Shelby traffic matters that have been complained of by outside motorists. Of course Shelby should not alter traffic regulations and signals for the mere convenience and gratification of outsiders; Shelby regulations should, first of all, serve Shelby. But the outsiders should be considered, and things should be made convenient for them when they are at the same time convenient for the home folks.

Lieut. Vernon could have talked to Shelby about what a fine little city it is, and most guest speakers do just that. But those who have the real welfare and future of the city at heart will appreciate his type of talk more than that of the taffy talker with his sugar-coated phrases of praise. Most of us know our fine points, and hate to be reminded of our weak points, but when we keep hearing about our better qualities and keep burying our faults, we soon become boring, unbearable egotists, and ere long the visitors have little to praise. The same thing goes for municipalities.

Bring on some more Vernons. There may be some things other than traffic which Shelby should be told about.

### A PAPER THAT SPEAKS OUT

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE, one of the liveliest afternoon papers from the news standpoint in the South, is deserving of commendation for its frank, fearless, and unhampered editorial policy. We refer particularly to its opinions regarding textile mill problems.

There are times when The Star and no doubt many readers of The Gazette differ with the opinions of the Gaston

paper. Nevertheless it must be admitted that the paper says its say, takes its stand, without subserving or playing to popularity. When The Gazette has an opinion, it expresses it regardless of how the opinion may be received by any source. In the long run, although we may differ vehemently at times, a paper of that type wins respect as does an individual who refuses to be two-faced, says his say in the open and does not soft-soap one to his face and then criticize when a back is turned.

When the Communistic labor trouble developed in the textile industry of Gaston county, the greatest textile county in the South, The Gazette immediately decided against the strikers. Not so much against the workers themselves as against the doctrine of Communism being preached to the workers and against those preaching it. Fearlessly The Gazette called the hand of strike leaders and labor agitators at every turn. Outside newspapers, some home newspapers, outside people and some home people were inclined to criticize the paper. Many referred to it as a "capitalistic organ," one dominated by the rich class, and aiding that class to get the working masses more within its grasp. There were a few occasions when The Star was inclined to believe that The Gazette was a bit too wrought up over the Red threat; that The Gazette might be magnifying the danger. Since then developments have for the most part substantiated Gazette opinions. Outside newspapers which cast disparaging remarks at North Carolina mill barons and their methods of driving their textile slaves have since that time failed to express so much liberalism when Communism bobbed its disquieting head in their own sections. The Gazette kept hammering away to drive the Communistic agitators out despite numerous threats made against the paper and editors.

That time, mind you, The Gazette sided with the mills, or, rather, against the type of labor agitation.

This week The Gazette's fair-mindedness is shown as it lines up editorially with mill workers, and the stand taken is so out-in-the open that it cannot be questioned.

Early in the week employees of the Goldberg mills at Bessemer City, near Gastonia, walked out to inaugurate a strike for better wages. They declared that since a recent wage cut they did not receive a living wage. Simultaneously it was announced that the striking Goldberg workers did not care for any aid from the Communists and would boot out all Communists who butted into their semi-private strike. The Goldbergs live in Gastonia. If the charges made against The Gazette at the time of the Gastonia strike were true, then it was to have been expected that The Gazette would immediately take up its editorial cudgel in favor of the mills. But The Gazette let it be known that it is not controlled or dictated to by textile interests; that it takes the side it believes to be in the right.

On Tuesday, the day after the strike got underway, the lead editorial in The Gazette was entitled "Deplorable, Indefensible." The following quotations from that editorial clearly express The Gazette attitude, which is favorable to the striking employees:

"The strike at Bessemer City is most unfortunate. The action of the Messrs. Goldberg in cutting wages, from this angle and from the information available, is absolutely indefensible.

"Cotton mill wages at best are none too good. When a man who is making only \$13 or \$15 per week is cut to \$10.80, it is time to protest. These figures are contained in news reports from the scene of the trouble; there has been no denial from the Messrs. Goldberg and the supposition is that they are correct.

"Of all times to make wage reductions in Gaston county cotton mills, the present is the worst.

"Be it said, however, to the everlasting credit of the striking employees that they have thus far repudiated all advances of the "Reds." Two delegations of the Communists have been run out of Bessemer City, and have been warned not to come back. The desire of the Bessemer City strikers to fight the thing out alone and without the help of outside agitators is indeed most commendable. If they maintain this attitude, they will have the moral support and backing of the entire country. This is the belief of The Gazette, based on what we have seen and heard within the past 24 hours.

"Dozens of mill owners and executives in Gaston county deplore the action at Bessemer City. It were far better to shut the mills down completely than to cut wages that were already ridiculously low. That the mills were not losing money is obvious from the fact that one of the plants has been running full time day and night."

Say what you please, a paper that speaks its convictions, and speaks them without being influenced by money or political favor, must be admired for the courage of its convictions. And the two Gaston county strike incidents have found The Gazette ready to take one side one time and the other side the next time—the side The Gazette believed to be right in each instance.

### Movement On Foot To Mark Churches

Plan to Erect Name Plate on Baptist Churches and Celebrate 100th Anniversary

To the Editor Cleveland Star: I read your editorial on having the name of church and pastor on the house of worship in our rural districts. It may be interesting to you and your readers to state that there is a movement on foot by the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, to so mark every Baptist church in the State.

At a meeting some weeks ago the writer was asked to act as chairman of a committee for the Kings Mountain association, with a view of securing the cooperation of all the churches in the association in having a galvanized sheet with name of church printed in large clear letters, placed in a most noticeable position at every church in the Kings Mountain association. Similar committees have been appointed in all other Baptist associations

in the State. It is also being planned to have a service in every Baptist church in the State celebrating one hundred years of the Baptist State Convention organization. Plans and programs will be published a little later. We appreciate your publicity and helpfulness in this worthy enterprise. The committee suggested to arrange for marking the churches and arranging for the celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of organized effort of the Baptist State Convention as follows: J. W. Suttle, D. G. Washburn, Wallace Hartsell, Mrs. John Wacaster and the writer. D. F. PUTNAM.

"Really, Bill, your argument with your wife last night was most amusing. "Wasn't it tho? And when she threw the axe at me I thought I'd split." "Boy—What's the matter with the boss? "Clerk—He started for a business conference and forgot his golf clubs.

### Ready to Defend U.S. Polo Title



Here are the four outstanding American poloists who are most likely to be selected for the team which will oppose the British in the international polo championship. They are, left to right: Winston Guest, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr.; E. A. S. Hopping, and Eric Pedley. (International Newsreel)

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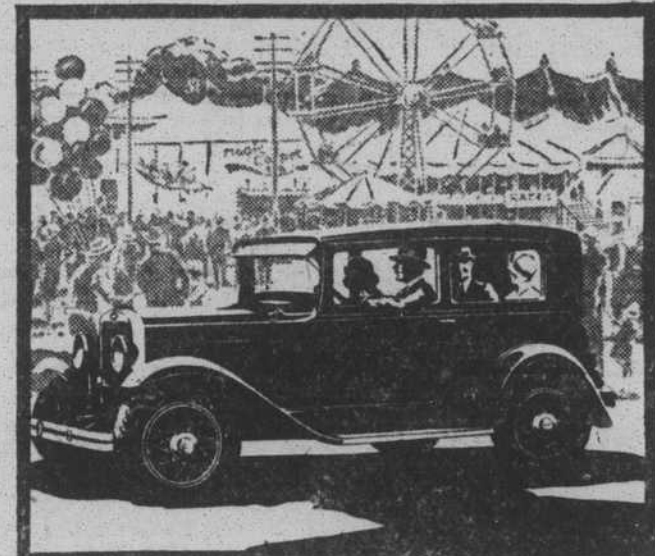
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