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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3, 1930

TWINKLES

In less than a month now we'll be wondering what we did with 1930.

Declining stocks, our guess is, will keep a lot of stockings from being filled this Christmas.

An optimist is the fellow who looks for conditions to improve overnight now that Congress is in session again.

More people would have work now, if those who can afford it were not scared to let their money work for them.

Al Capone is running a soup line for the unemployed of Chicago and on Thanksgiving gave a turkey dinner to 5,000 people. Trying to be another Robin Hood, perhaps.

As the Christmas season approaches the front pages are telling of more and more deaths resulting from poison liquor and alcohol. Some day it seems as if men would realize that alcohol which will eat out the insides of a radiator is none too easy on the stomach.

When some big business and financial leader predicts that business is on the up and up, duck. Last week one of the country's best known bankers stated that the crisis was over and that day 51 Southern banks took a nose dive. As one writer put it: "What this country needs is more profits and less prophets."

Would that North Carolina had more Mrs. Bowmar Grays. For years the wealthy Winston-Salem woman has financed a Christmas tree for the children of her community. This year she has changed her plans and will give \$10,000 to charity for distribution among the needy. A wise move. Hundreds of people this year will gladly forego a Christmas tree if they can hope to get something to eat and wear. Those who can give on the Mrs. Gray scale are not so numerous, but others should follow suit in proportion to their ability.

SOMETHING TO PONDER ON

IT IS A KNOWN FACT that Shelby must have a new high school building within a few years. One is badly needed now. No town or city in the State is more poorly equipped with high school facilities.

Think how many carpenters, masons and other workers in the building trades could be employed in this period of depression if a new building were to be erected.

Think, too, how much money could be saved with building material selling as it is now, and with labor available at low prices.

Then remember that if a new building were erected now, it would not be necessary to pay for it for a number of years. What more could be asked than to buy or build something when prices are at a low ebb and then do the paying when better times return?

Just a suggestion—think it over.

MECKLENBURG'S FEE SYSTEM

CITIZENS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, one of North Carolina's greatest counties, are now demanding that their county officers be put on a salary basis instead of the fee system. It is rather unusual that a county as progressive as Mecklenburg, and a county in which the county government is a mammoth business enterprise, is still operated on the old fee system. At a mass meeting where citizens protested against the fee method, county officials attempted to show, it is said, that the receipts from their offices were small. But, as The Gastonia Gazette says, "it is common knowledge the officials there make handsome profits from their offices." If they do not, why do office-holders object to being placed upon salaries? Every public office should be on a salary basis and then those seeking office, and there are always plenty of office seekers, will know just what they will receive and the taxpayer, the fellow who foots the bills, will know, too, just how much the office is costing him.

A CLUB THAT CAN HELP

A YEAR OR SO AGO a county club was organized in this county with a membership drawn from every section of the county. Similar clubs in other counties have been successful and have done much to stimulate interest in public matters. Recent meetings of the club in this county have shown a lack of enthusiasm, but it is to be hoped that in the meetings ahead more interest will be shown by members and that the club will materialize into the beneficial organization it could and should be.

In the city of Shelby any community movement is usually first discussed at the luncheon club meetings. There citizens talk over the matter, debate the several angles, and formulate plans for movements which mean much to the city's welfare. A county club should serve a similar purpose

for the entire county. With representative citizens from each township attending county projects could be talked over calmly and result in a general understanding and cooperation that would mean much to the economic, social and spiritual welfare of the county. The next meeting of the club is scheduled for next week, and those who are now members should plan to attend and do their part to keep the club going. If there are sections not represented in the present roster of the organization, then others should be added. It is too good an organization to permit it to go by the boards.

AIR MAIL TO EUROPE

THE LAST OF THIS MONTH the postoffice department will open bids on a government contract for the operation of an air mail route to Europe. The contract says that the trans-Atlantic service is to start next June and the low bidder will be contracted for a period of ten years. It is, without doubt, a progressive, farsighted idea, but is it as yet plausible and safe with air mail pilots on this continent being forced down and delayed in their schedules by rough weather?

Eventually, and it may not be so many years off, there will be a regular air mail service between America and Europe. It is true, too, that nothing started is nothing gained. Yet the hazards seem tremendous just now. The proposed route for the trans-Atlantic air mail is not the northern route over which Lindbergh and the others spanned the At-

lantic. Instead the routing will be from New York via Norfolk to Charleston, and from Charleston to Bermuda and then the Azores to Europe. For the first year the flights will be on a week each way with the probability of additional flights thereafter. The contract for the first year does not specify that the low bidder make the complete trip, calling only for service between America and Bermuda with the remainder of the route being only a test. It is a big step in the making, and it may be years before a regular air mail service between the two continents successfully materializes, but the beginning will mark an important advance in aviation and will be watched with interest the world over.

Lawndale Week-End Personal Mention

(Special to The Star.)

Lawndale, Dec. 2.—Mr. Andy Pritchard who has been seriously ill has begun to show signs of improvement to the delight of his many friends.
Mr. Tom Forney from U. N. C. is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Forney.
Mr. William Baker from Rutherford college is visiting his parents over the week end.
Mrs. C. A. Beam spent the Thanksgiving in Shelby the guest of her brother Mr. S. Gardner.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leonard of Greensboro are visiting Mrs. Leonard's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Richards.
Mr. Harvey Guin and daughter Mrs. Mae Williams and family spent Thanksgiving in Blacksburg, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gailman.
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garner has been seriously ill with diphtheria is improving slowly.
"Grandma" Richards, as she is lovingly called, has suffered a slight stroke of paralysis and is still confined to her bed.
Robert Forney of the Bowling

Springs junior college is spending the week end at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Forney.

Mr. Arthur Parrot and Miss Elsie Lackey attended the Carolina-Virginia giving services at the Presbyterian church in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Carme Eam and Miss Anne Belle Harrill attended Thanksgiving services at the Presbyterian Church in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Brackett and family spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Hartman of Belwood.

Mrs. Joe Willis of Shelby spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Guin.

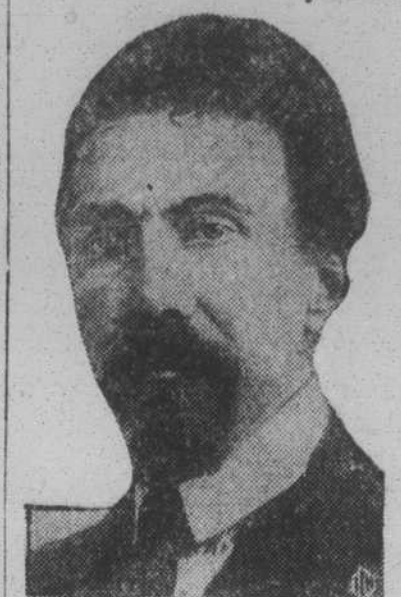
Mr. and Mrs. Omer Rollins of Danville, Va., are visiting his mother Mrs. Corda Rollins.

Mrs. Loren E. Hoyle of Cherryville was in town Saturday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Maurice Bowman returned home Saturday from Taylorville where she was called to the bedside of her grandmother who has been very ill, but is now somewhat improved.

We expect to walk into a place any day for a pound of liver, and have the butcher wrap it in a couple of stock certificates.—Detroit News.

Former Soviet Premier Linked in Mutiny Plot



Former Premier Alexei Rykoff of Greater Russia is reported banished to the Caucasus for his alleged participation in a plot to spread mutiny in the ranks of the Red Army. Rykoff is said to have weakened and let out the first intimation of the plot. It has been pointed out that the target of the projected revolt is not the Soviet State, but Josef Stalin himself, Red Russia's ruler.

As Vice-President Opened 73rd Congress



Vice-President Charles Curtis on the rostrum of the Senate chamber, with gavel poised as he appeared when he called to order the opening of the seventy-third Congress.

OVER 15,000 DAILY DEMAND SARGON

Growing Army of Sargon Users, Marching Single File, Would Encircle Globe in Only Few Years Time.

(By Richard L. Simms.)

Atlanta, Ga.—More like a tale from the Arabian Nights of old than a record of modern business achievement, reads the story of the marvelous growth and development of Sargon, the New Scientific Compound which has become the sensation of the drug trade throughout the United States, Canada and other countries.

The old illustration of the people depicted into the pool best describes the phenomenal and unprecedented demand and its fame is rapidly spreading over the entire continent.

Recently compiled figures reveal that approximately 15,000 men and women are marching into drug stores daily for Sargon and Sargon Soft Mass Pills, the marvelous new treatment that is restoring health to countless thousands by new and remarkable methods undreamed of only a few years ago.

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The only explanation of Sargon's triumph in the Medical World is Sargon's true worth. Back of its triumph in the drug stores is its triumph in the homes and it is the grateful endorsement of its millions of users that has made it the most widely talked of medicine in the world today.

Sargon is extensively advertised. It is true, but no preparation, no matter how extensively advertised, could possibly meet with such phenomenal success unless it possessed absolute merit and extraordinary powers as a medicine.

There can be but one possible explanation for Sargon's amazing success and it can be told in one word—MERIT!

Cleveland Drug Co., agents. Ad.

Note to business: It's much harder to turn a corner lying down.—Muskogee Phoenix.



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